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TWO CENTURIES
SINCE THE PLANET
THANASAR-- FIRST
IN A LINE OF COUNT-
LESS THOUSANDS--
FELL BEFORE THE
DARK FORCES THAT
REORDERED A
GALAXY...

...AND STOLE HOPE
FROM ALL THOSE
WHO DARED BELIEVE
IN PEACE AND
LIBERTY.

ALL THOSE...



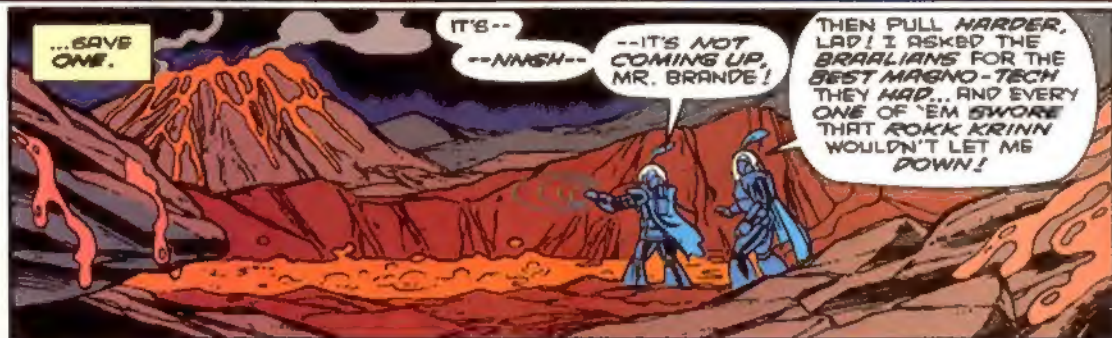
...SAVE
ONE.

IT'S--

--NNNN--

--IT'S NOT
COMING UP,
MR. BRANDE!

THEN PULL HARDER,
LAD! I ASKED THE
BRAALIAN'S FOR THE
BEST MAGNO-TECH
THEY HAD... AND EVERY
ONE OF 'EM SWORE
THAT ROKK KRINN
WOULDN'T LET ME
DOWN!



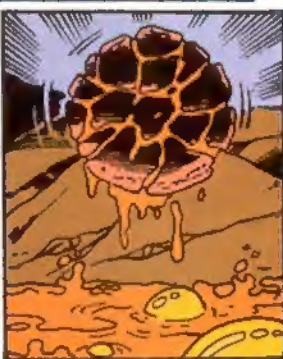
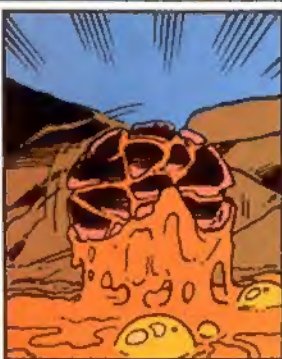
CONCENTRATE, BOY.
THIS WORLD WAS
THE HOME TO A VERY
SPECIAL ORE...

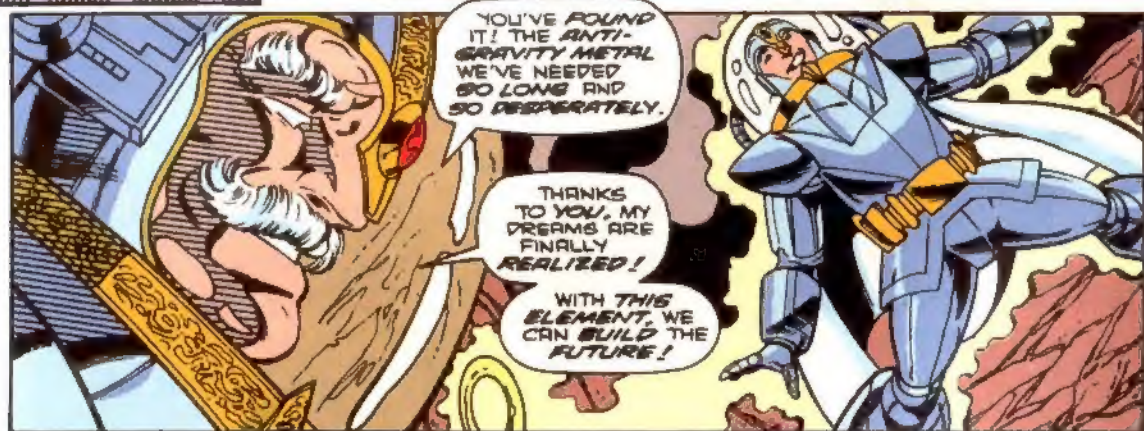
...AND THE CHANCE
FOR A HUNDRED
RACES AND MORE
TO ONCE AGAIN
LIVE FREE RESTS ON
YOUR ABILITY TO
FIND IT!



PULL...

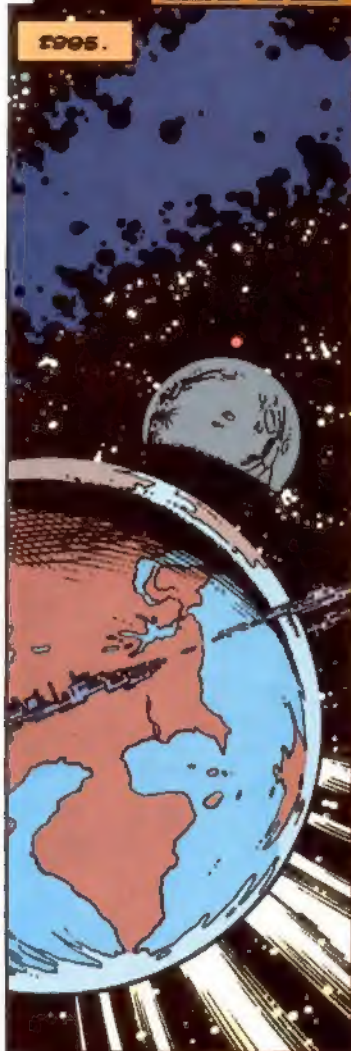
...PULL!





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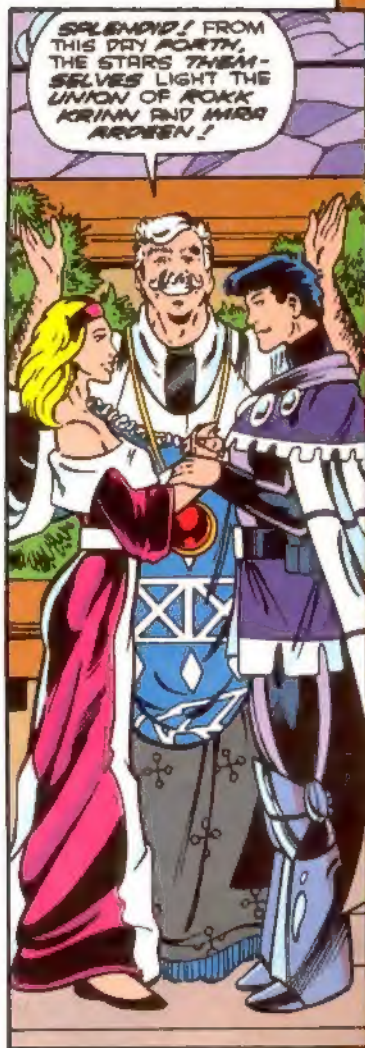
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SPLENDID! FROM THIS DAY FORTH, THE STARS THEMSELVES LIGHT THE UNION OF ROKK KRINN AND IMRA ARDEN!



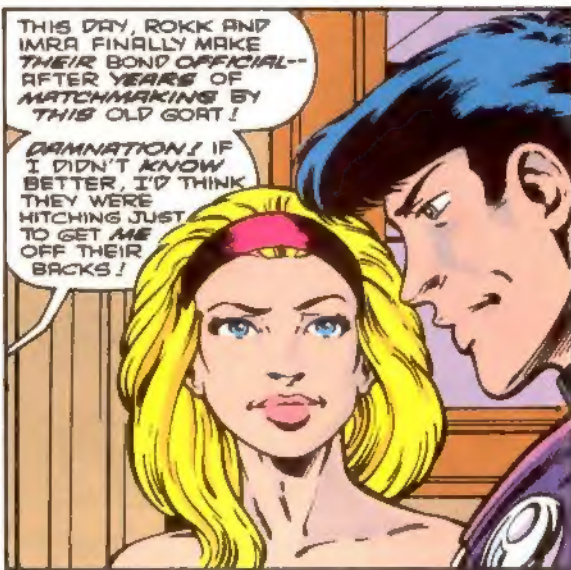
WHEN I THINK ABOUT HOW THESE TWO MET UNDER MY EMPLOY... HE, A BRAILIAN WITH A HEART FOR LEADERSHIP, SHE THE SOLE SURVIVOR OF A RACE EXTINGUISHED BY THE DAMNABLE CIRCLE...

...WELL, I KNEW FROM THE START THAT THESE YOUNG STRANGERS FROM DIFFERENT WORLDS WOULD FORM, BETWEEN THEM AND AROUND THEM, A VERY SPECIAL TEAM.

SURE ENOUGH, OVER THE YEARS, ROKK AND IMRA GATHERED OTHERS WHO SHARED THEIR PASSION FOR LIBERTY... AND FORGED THEM INTO A MIGHTY CORPS. TOGETHER, THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND LOVE CAME TO SYMBOLIZE A BOND...



...THE CRUCIAL BOND THAT LINKS ALL THE RACES OF SPACE STATION AVALON!



THIS DAY, ROKK AND IMRA FINALLY MAKE THEIR BOND OFFICIAL-- AFTER YEARS OF MATCHMAKING BY THIS OLD GORT!

DAMNATION! IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK THEY WERE HITCHING JUST TO GET ME OFF THEIR BACKS!



SIR...

OF COURSE, FORGIVE AN OLD MAN HIS JOES, CHILD. LET'S MAKE THIS FORMAL.

SHOULD ANYONE OBJECT TO THIS UNION BEFORE US --



--LET THEM SPEAK NOW.



...NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING... BUT IT'S ALWAYS "FERRO AND LEVIATHAN" THIS, "FERRO AND LEVIATHAN" THAT.

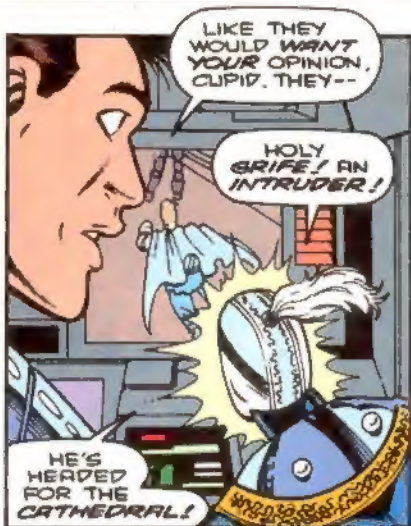
WHAT A RUCK. "FERRO AND LEVIATHAN" -- YOU TAKE MONITOR DUTY DURING THE BIGGEST, GRANDEST CEREMONY THIS SPACEWHEEL'S EVER SEEN.

SO YOU'RE COMPLAINING.

NAH, NOT ME.

I ALWAYS CRY AT WEDDINGS.

WELL... MAYBE NOT THIS ONE I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT OF THOSE TWO AS AN ITEM...



LIKE THEY WOULD WANT YOUR OPINION, CUPID. THEY--

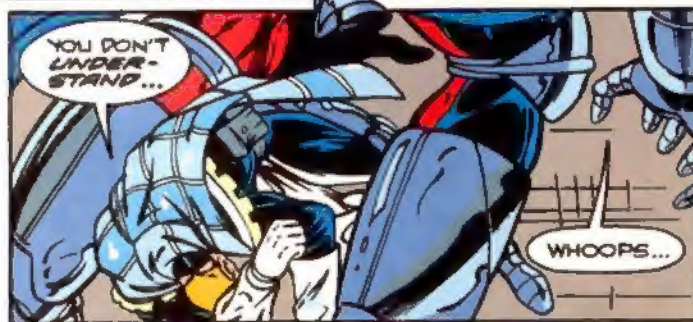
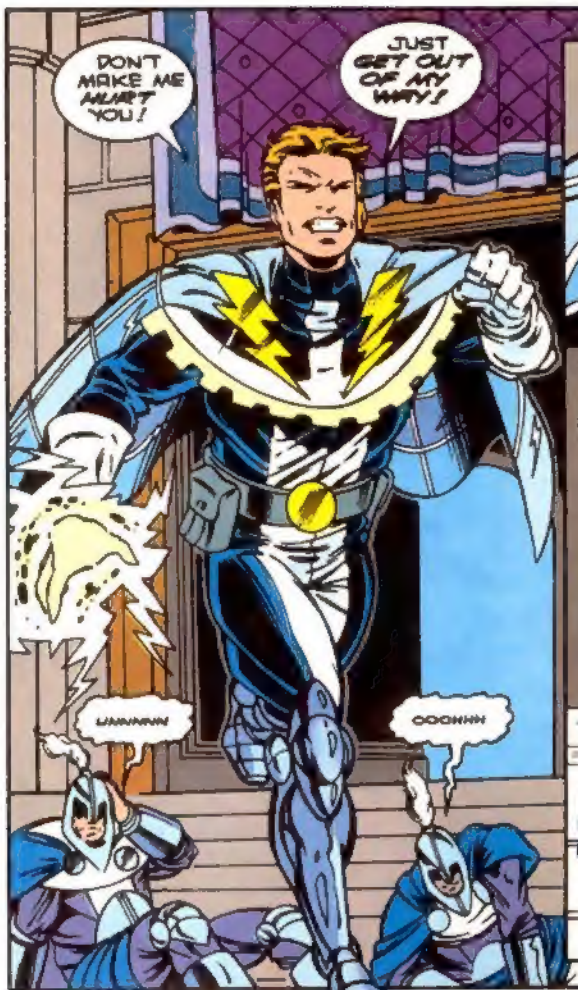
HOLY GRIEF! AN INTRUDER!

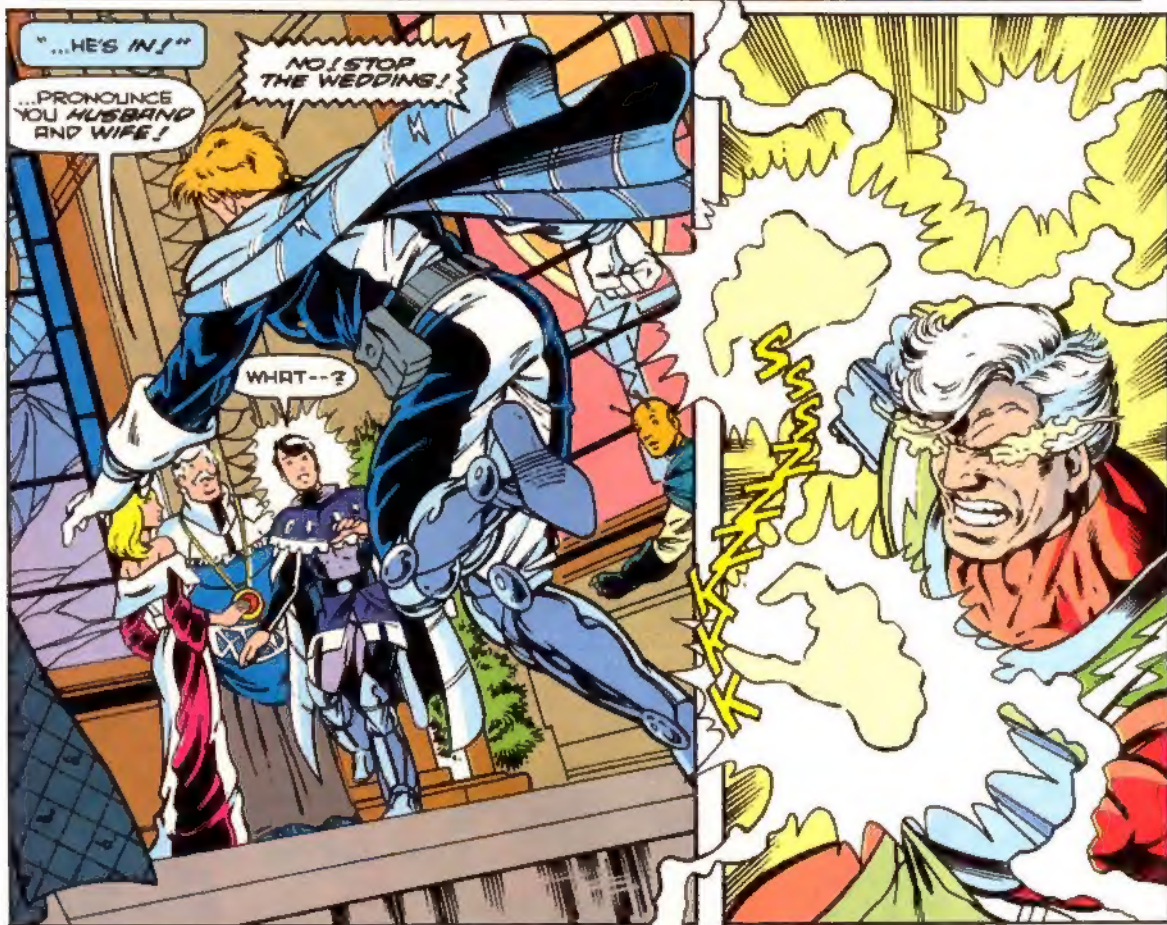
HE'S HEADED FOR THE CATHEDRAL!

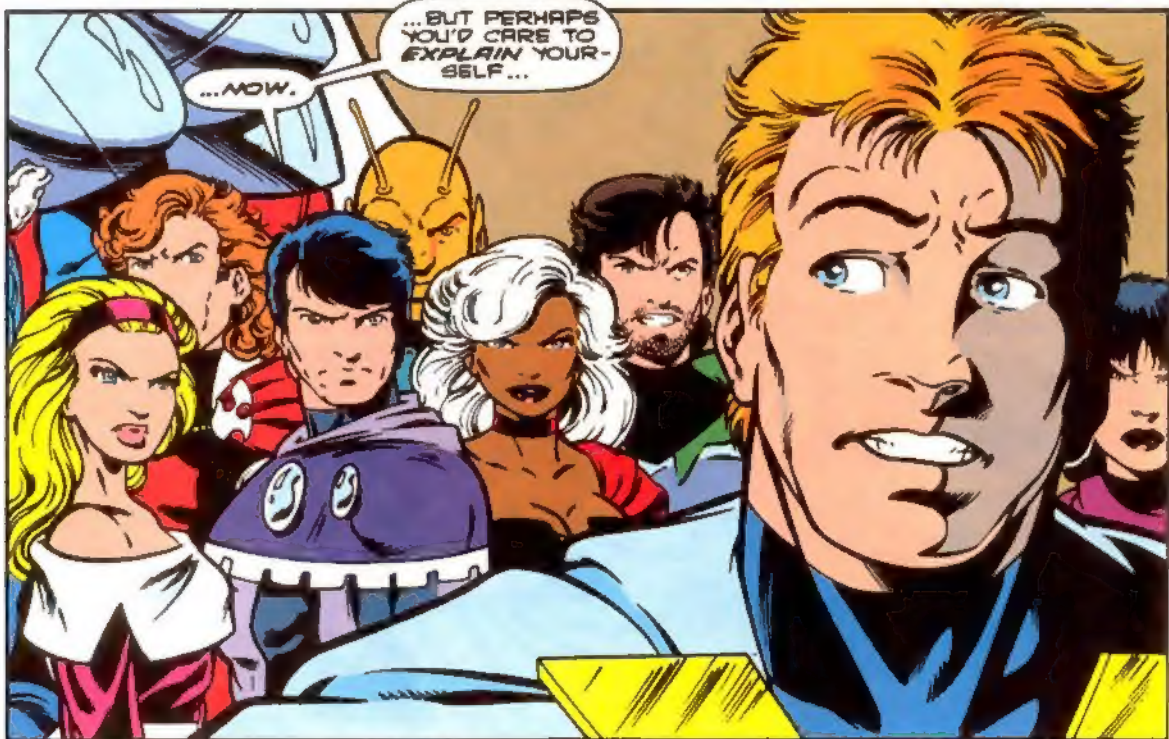
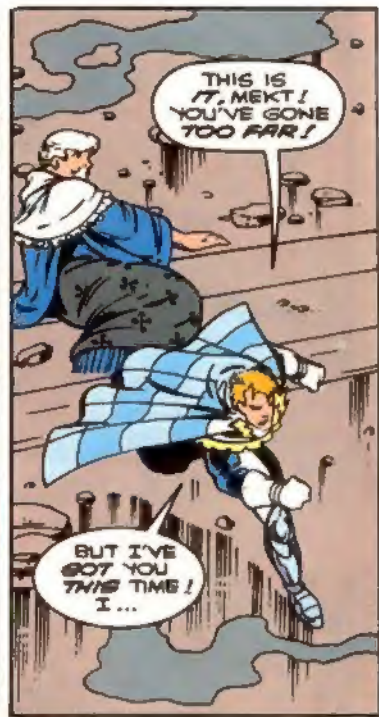


THEN SO ARE WE!

COME ON!





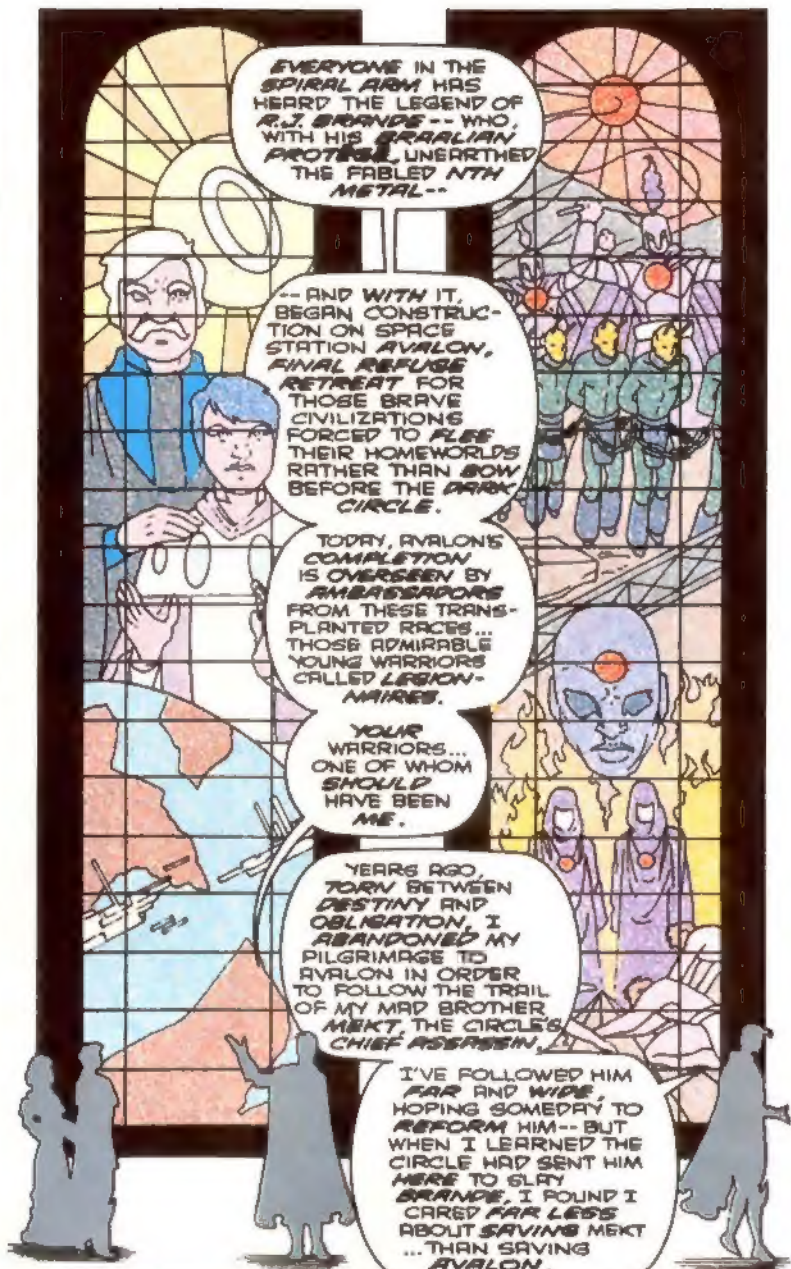




WITH PLEASURE.

MY NAME IS **EARTH RANGER...**
AND IN SPIRIT,
I HAVE LONG
SEEN ONE OF
YOU.

WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW OF
US?



EVERYONE IN THE
SPIRAL ARM HAS
HEARD THE LEGEND OF
R.J. BRANDE-- WHO,
WITH HIS **BRALIAN**
PROTEGE, UNEARTHED
THE FABLED **NTH**
METAL--

-- AND WITH IT,
BEGAN CONSTRUCTION
ON SPACE
STATION **AVOLON**,
FINAL REFUGE
RETREAT FOR
THOSE BRAVE
CIVILIZATIONS
FORCED TO FLEE
THEIR HOMEWORLDS
RATHER THAN BOW
BEFORE THE **DARK**
CIRCLE.

TODAY, **AVOLON'S**
COMPLETION
IS OVERSEEN BY
AMBASSADORS
FROM THESE TRANS-
PLANTED RACES...
THOSE ADMIRABLE
YOUNG WARRIORS
CALLED **LESION-**
NAIRES.

YOUR
WARRIORS...
ONE OF WHOM
SHOULD
HAVE BEEN
ME.

YEARS AGO,
TORN BETWEEN
DESTINY AND
OBLIGATION, I
ABANDONED MY
PILGRIMAGE TO
AVOLON IN ORDER
TO FOLLOW THE TRAIL
OF MY MAD BROTHER
MEKT, THE CIRCLE'S
CHIEF **ASSASSIN**.

I'VE FOLLOWED HIM
FAR AND WIDE,
HOPING SOMEDAY TO
REFORM HIM-- BUT
WHEN I LEARNED THE
CIRCLE HAD SENT HIM
HERE TO SLAY
BRANDE, I FOUND I
CARED FAR LESS
ABOUT SAVING **MEKT**
... THAN SAVING
AVOLON.



THE **LESION**--AND
THE STATION IT
DEPENDS--ARE THE
GALAXY'S LAST
HOPE. IT MUST
SURVIVE. PLEASE--
ADD MY POWER
TO YOURS.

MAKE ME A
LESIONNAIRE.

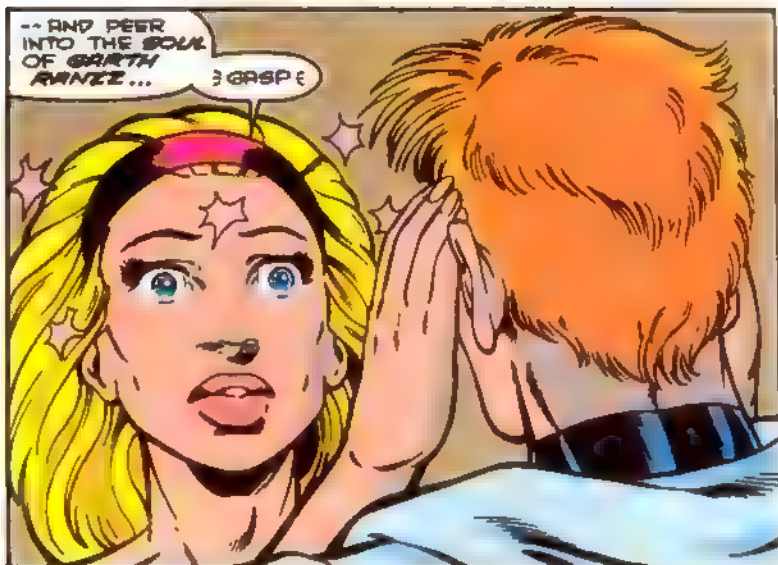


THE *AVENUE* IN YOUR VOICE IS COM- WINNING, GARTH... BUT IN THESE FRAGILE TIMES, THE LEGION AC- CEPTS NEW MEMBERS WITH GREAT CAUTION.

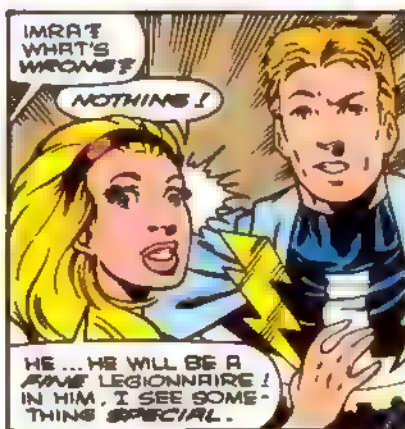
WILL YOU SUBMIT TO A PSI- SCREEN?

I WILL DO ANY- THING.

VERY WELL, AN- LACK AS I SCAN YOUR MIND--



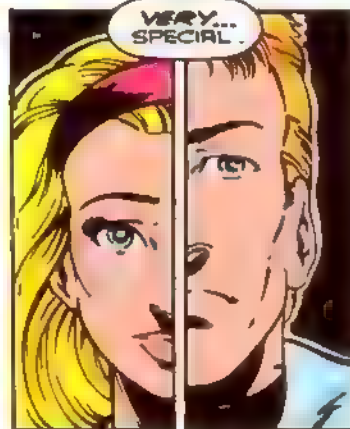
-- AND PEER INTO THE SOUL OF GARTH RANZZ... :GASP:



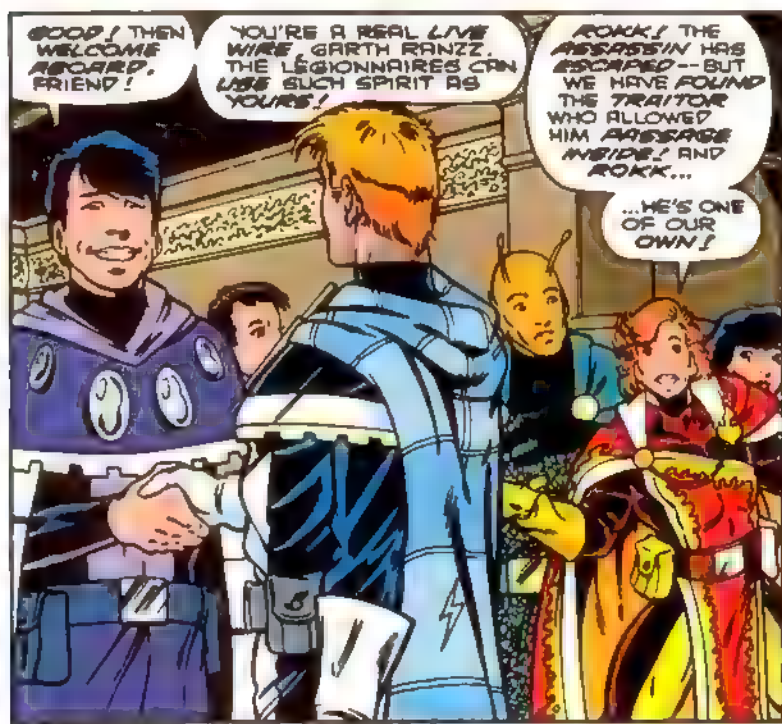
IMRAT WHAT'S WRONG?

NOTHING!

HE... HE WILL BE A *AVENUE* LEGIONNAIRE! IN HIM, I SEE SOME- THING SPECIAL.



VERY... SPECIAL.



GOOD! THEN WELCOME ABOARD, FRIEND!

YOU'RE A REAL LIVE WIRE, GARTH RANZZ. THE LEGIONNAIRES CAN USE SUCH SPIRIT AS YOURS!

ROKK! THE ASSASSIN HAS ESCAPED-- BUT WE HAVE FOUND THE TRAITOR WHO ALLOWED HIM ABBASEG INSIDE! AND ROKK...

...HE'S ONE OF OUR OWN!



I SEE. COME WITH ME, GARTH. THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LESSON FOR YOU TO LEARN.

WE WILL SHOW YOU HOW THE LEGION PUNISHES THOSE WHO EN- DANGER AVALON IN ANY WAY.

ALL
JOIN THE
ONE.

ONE BINDS
THE ALL.

THE
BEGINNING
MEETS THE
END.

SUCH IS THE
CYCLE OF
LIFE.

HART
DRUITER...

...HAVE
YOU ANY
PRAYERS?

NOT FOR
YOUR GODS
TO HEAR.

THEN HOLD
YOUR TONGUE...
THAT THE OTHERS
MAY REFLECT UPON
THE HORROR OF
YOUR CRIMES.

IN THESE BLACK TIMES, A TYRANNICAL DARKNESS HAS SWORN TO ENVELOP THE LIGHT... AND SWALLOW THE ENLIGHTENED.

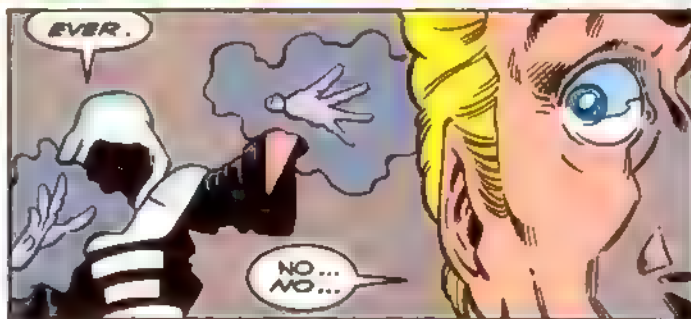
BY THREATENING THE SANCTITY OF AWALON, YOU HAVE PROVEN YOURSELF AN AGENT OF THAT DARKNESS...AND A NEMESIS TO FREEDOM.

THE VERY CORE OF THE LEGION IS BUILT AROUND UNITY. ANY BETRAYAL OF THAT UNITY IS A STRICT VIOLATION OF LEGION CODE...



...AND WITH THE LIBERTY OF THE GALAXY AT STAKE...

...NO VIOLATION CAN DARE BE TOLERATED.



EVER.

NO... NO...



WAAAAARRGH!

DAMN
YOU! DAMN
YOU ALL!

YOU CANNOT
WIN! EVEN AS
WE SPEAK, THE
CIRCLE CLOSES
AROUND YOU!

THIS ATTACK
WAS ONLY THE FIRST!
THERE WILL BE MORE
IN THE END! NOTHING
CAN SAVE BRANDE'S
FOLLY FROM THE ON-
SLAUGHT OF DARK-
NESS!

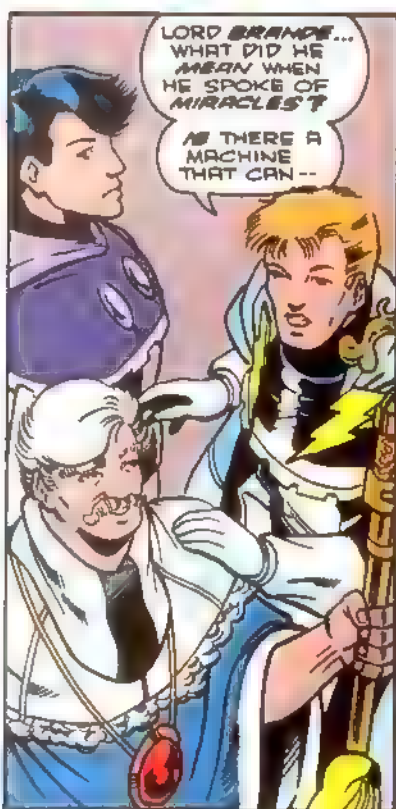
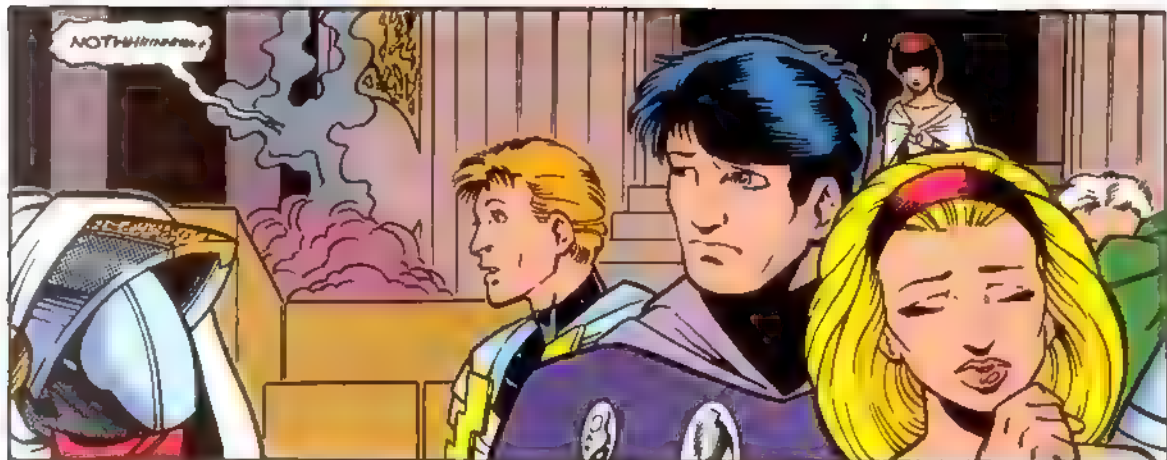
NOT HIS
FORTUNE--

--NOT HIS
"LEGIONNAIRES"--

--NOT HIS
"MIRACLE
MACHINE"--

--NOTHING!

NOTHING!



LORD BRANDE...
WHAT DID HE
MEAN WHEN
HE SPOKE OF
MIRACLES?

IS THERE A
MACHINE
THAT CAN--



LEGEND SAYS THERE IS,
BOY. AN OBJECT THAT
HAS UNIMAGINABLE
POWER AND WONDER...
AN ARTIFACT BORN OF
SCIENCE AND SORCERY,
CAPABLE OF BANISHING
THE CIRCLE WITH A
THOUGHT.

THERE
DOESN'T GO
BY A DAY I
DON'T LONG
FOR IT.

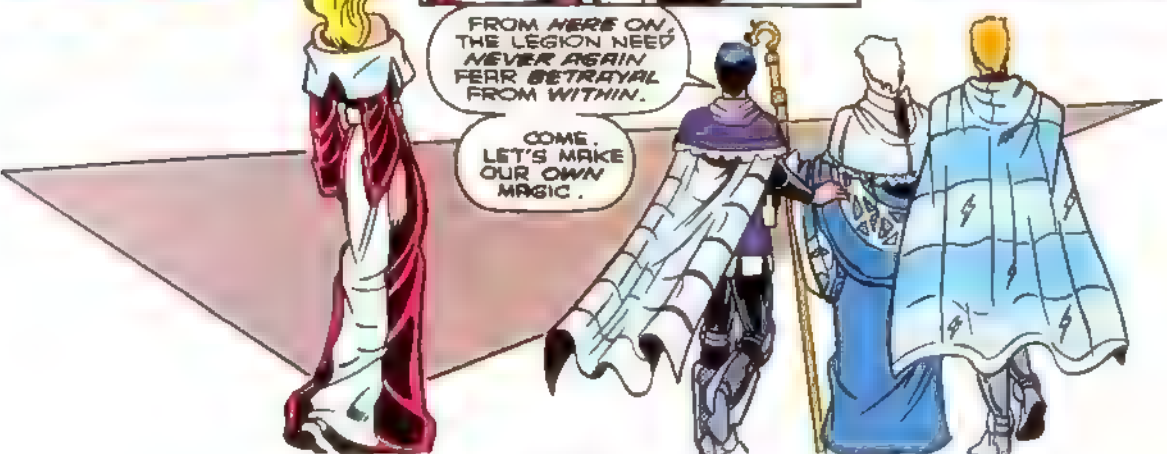


SIR... PLEASE. WE'VE
BEEN THROUGH THIS
BEFORE. NO MORE
TALK ABOUT A
"MIRACLE MACHINE."

IF IT DOES EXIST,
WHERE IS IT? WHO
HAS IT? WHY HAVEN'T
THEY USED IT?

ASK THOSE
QUESTIONS...AND
YOUR "LEGEND"
CRUMBLES INTO
FANTASY.

SETTLE FOR
TODAY'S TRUTH.
OUR TRAITOR HAS
BEEN ROUTED.



FROM HERE ON,
THE LEGION NEED
NEVER AGAIN
FEAR BETRAYAL
FROM WITHIN.

COME,
LET'S MAKE
OUR OWN
MAGIC.

AND THEY DID.

AS THE MONTHS
SPUN INTO YEARS,
THE LEGIONNAIRES
LABORED THIRELESSLY
TO FURTHER AVAILON'S
COMPLETION.

AND THOUGH EVERY
ADVANCE SEEMED
COUPLED WITH TWO
SETBACKS, ROKK
KRINN'S TEAM FOUGHT
EVER ONWARD...

...SAVING
LIVES WHEN
THEY
COULD...

...MOURNING
MAJESTY
WHEN THEY
COULDN'T.

ALL THE WHILE,
CASUALTIES GREW...
BUT SO DID FRIEND-
SHIPS.

EARTH RANEE
HAD FOUND HIS
TRUE CALLING...
AND, IN TIME,
FORGOT ABOUT...

MEET
RANCE!

IN YOUR
YEARS WITH THE
CIRCLE, YOU HAVE
SERVED THE
DARKNESS WELL.
OF THAT, THERE
IS NO DOUBT.

HOWEVER...?

HOWEVER...

...IT IS MY
JUDGMENT THAT
YOU HAVE YET TO
PROVE YOURSELF
WORTHY OF MEMBERSHIP
IN THE INNER
COUNCIL.

PROMISES
WERE MADE...

AS WERE ERRORS.
THOUGH THE SPECTRE
OF AGE HAS CLAIMED
R.J. BRANDE, HIS
LEGACY CONTINUES...
IN PART DUE TO YOUR
LONG-AGO FAILURES
ON AVALON.

UNTIL YOU FULLY
REDEEM YOURSELF
FOR THAT MISTEP,
THERE IS NO
PLACE FOR YOU
HERE.

THAT'S NOT
TRUE.

ZZAKKTT!

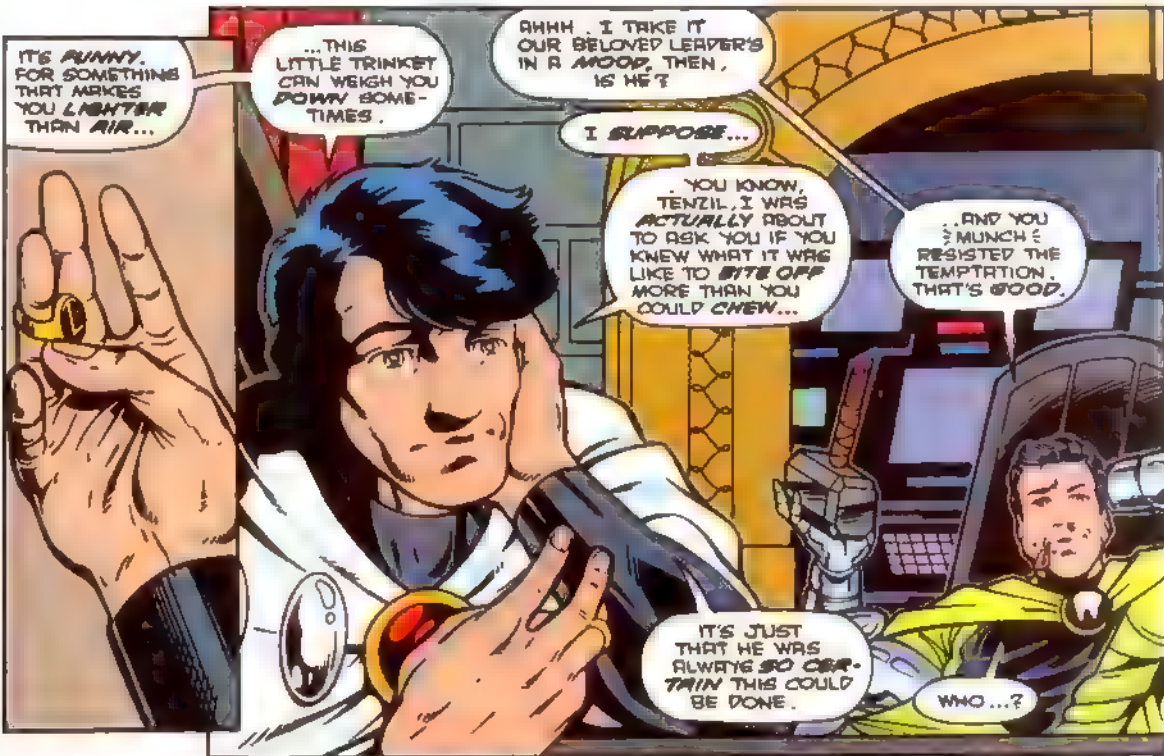
I BELIEVE
YOUR CHAIR
IS EMPTY.

I AM,
HOWEVER,
FORCED TO
CONCEDE
YOUR POINT.

AVALON
CONTINUES TO
SHINE FAR TOO
BRIGHTLY.

FORTUNATELY,
GENTLEMEN...

...I KNOW
WHAT WE
CAN DO ABOUT
THAT...



IT'S AWAYY.
FOR SOMETHING
THAT MAKES
YOU LIGHTER
THAN AIR...

...THIS
LITTLE TRINKET
CAN WEIGH YOU
DOWN SOME-
TIMES.

AHHH. I TAKE IT
OUR BELOVED LEADER'S
IN A MOOD, THEN,
IS HE?

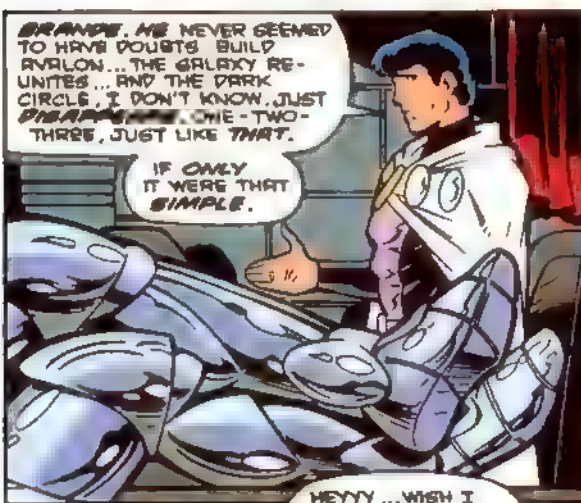
I SUPPOSE...

YOU KNOW,
TENZIL, I WAS
ACTUALLY ABOUT
TO ASK YOU IF YOU
KNEW WHAT IT WAS
LIKE TO BITE OFF
MORE THAN YOU
COULD CHEW...

...AND YOU
MUNCH &
RESISTED THE
TEMPTATION.
THAT'S GOOD.

IT'S JUST
THAT HE WAS
ALWAYS SO CER-
TAIN THIS COULD
BE DONE.

WHO...?



BRANDE. HE NEVER SEEMED
TO HAVE DOUBTS. BUILD
AVALON...THE GALAXY RE-
UNITES...AND THE DARK
CIRCLE, I DON'T KNOW, JUST
DISAPPEAR. ONE-TWO-
THREE, JUST LIKE THAT.

IF ONLY
IT WERE THAT
SIMPLE.

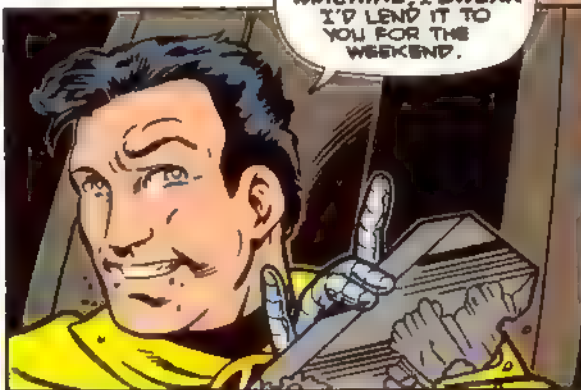
WHAT IS IT WITH
EVERYBODY AND THE
MIRACLE MACHINE??
WHY NOT MAGIC ELVES
AND PIXIES??

IT'S A
FANTASY,
TENZIL.

IT'S NOT
REAL.
IT.. IT..

...IT'S
IMRA.

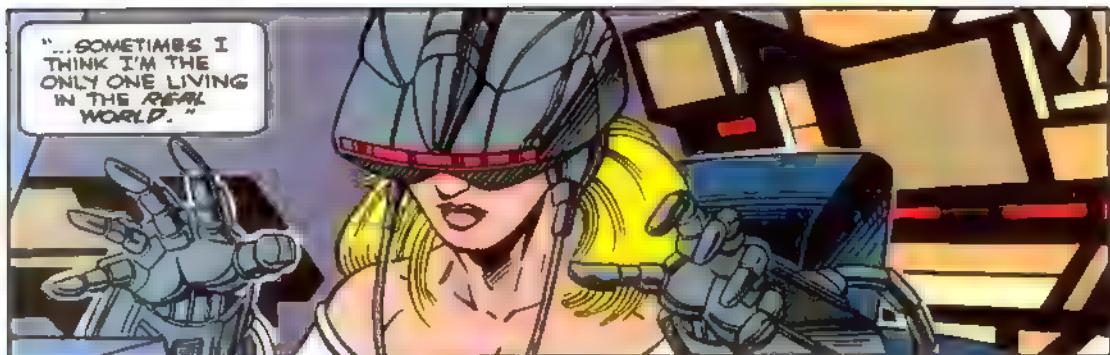
I'D BE FINE
IF I HAD A LITTLE
MORE SUPPORT
FROM MY WIFE...
BUT SHE'S ALWAYS
OFF WORK-
ING...



HEYYY...WISH I
COULD HELP. IF I
HAD THE MIRACLE
MACHINE, I SWEAR
I'D LEND IT TO
YOU FOR THE
WEEKEND.

...OH, WHY AM
I SHAPPING AT
YOU? YOU'RE NOT
THE PROBLEM...

...SPENDING
MORE AND
MORE TIME
IN VIRTUAL
SPACE...



"...SOMETIMES I
THINK I'M THE
ONLY ONE LIVING
IN THE REAL
WORLD."



BELOVED...



...AM I IN-
TERRUPTING
YOUR WORK?

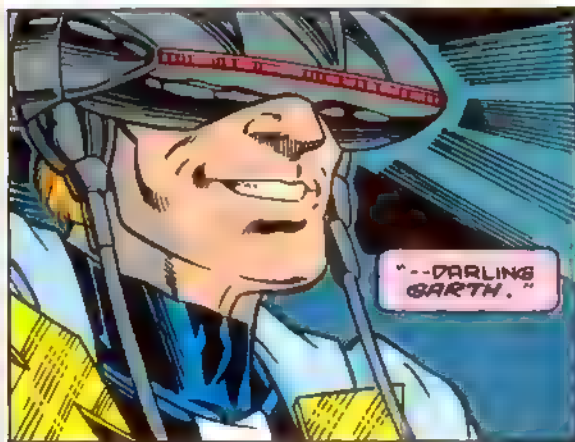
OH! YOU
SURPRISED
ME!

NO...NO,
I'M FINE,
I'M MORE
OR LESS
DONE FOR
THE DAY



MMMMM... AND
I ALWAYS
LOVE IT WHEN
YOU COME IN
HERE TO FIND
ME.

I TREASURE
EVERY
MOMENT WE
HAVE TO-
GETHER--



"--DARLING
GARTH."

CYBERSPACE.

THE BRIDGE BETWEEN
THOUGHT AND
ELECTRICITY.

EMOTION
AND POWER.

INTELLECT
AND ENERGY.

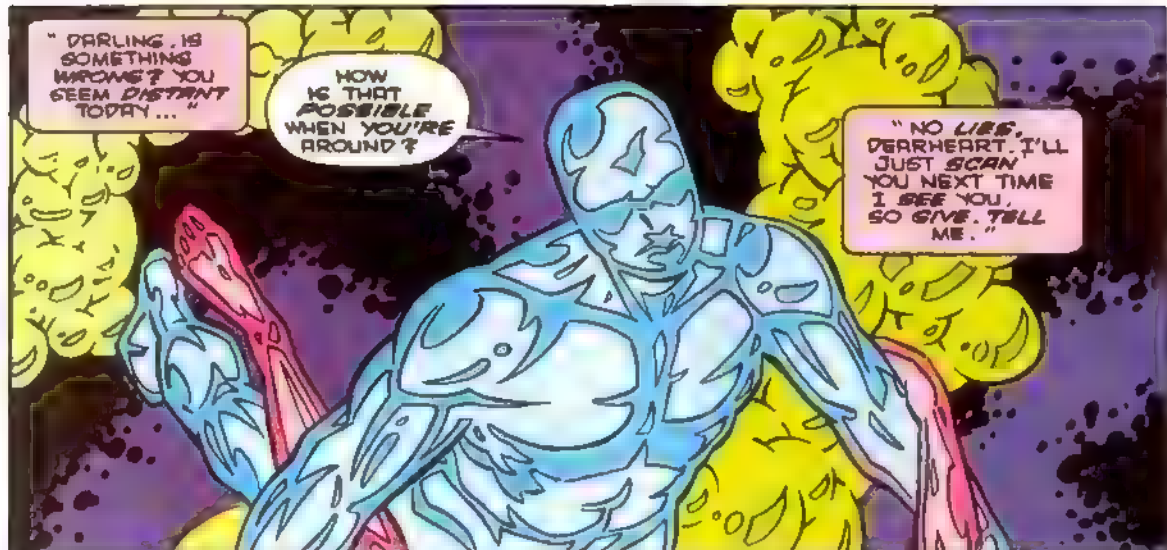
FOR THE TELEPATH
AND THE THUNDER-
BOLT, IT BECOMES
A BRIDGE CROSSED
EASILY... AND
OFTEN.

FOR WHO
WOULD HAVE
THOUGHT ON
THAT LONG-
AGO WEDDING
DAY, WHEN
MIRA ARDEEN
TOUCHED THE
MIND OF GARTH
RANZ, THAT
TRUE LOVE...

...WOULD HIT
HER LIKE
LIGHTNING.

IN THAT
MOMENT,
SHE FOUND
HER SOUL
MATE... HER
PARTNER...
HER
FRIEND...

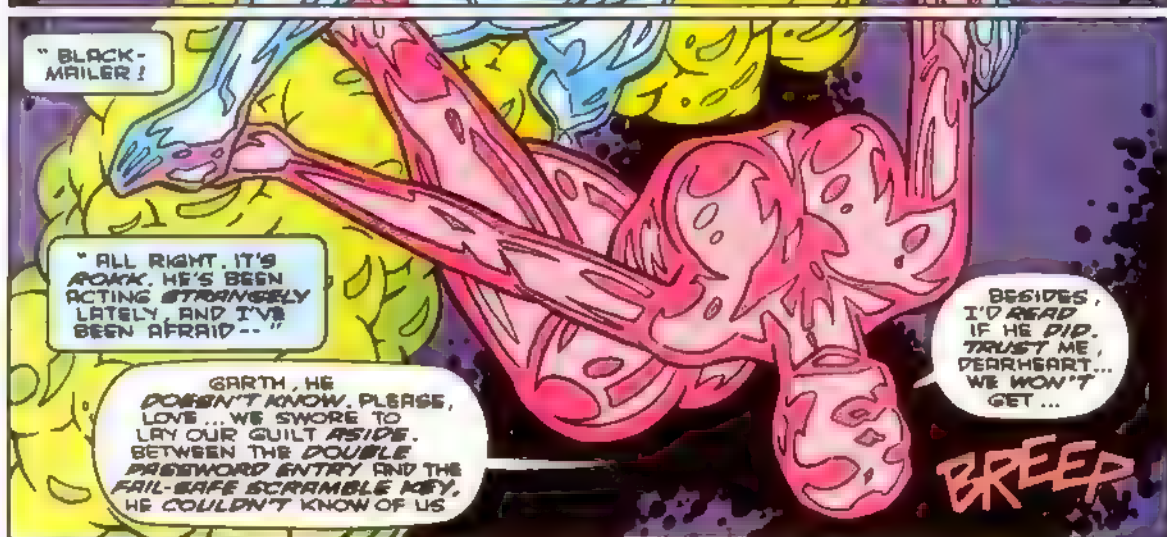
...IN A MAN
FOREVER
FORBIDDEN
TO HER
BY LAW.



"DARLING, IS SOMETHING WRONG? YOU SEEM DISTANT TODAY ..."

HOW IS THAT POSSIBLE WHEN YOU'RE AROUND?

"NO LIES, DEARHEART. I'LL JUST SCAN YOU NEXT TIME I SEE YOU, SO GIVE. TELL ME."



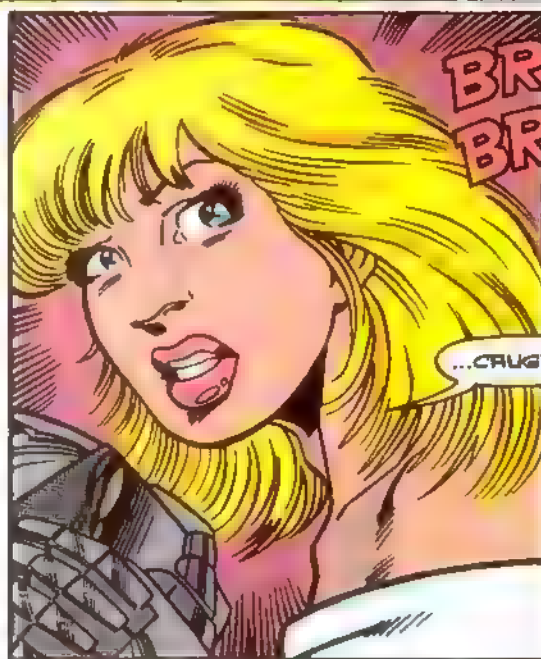
"BLACK-MAILER!"

"ALL RIGHT, IT'S AOKAY. HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGELY LATELY, AND I'VE BEEN AFRAID --"

GARTH, HE DOESN'T KNOW. PLEASE, LOVE ... WE SWORE TO LAY OUR GUILT ASIDE, BETWEEN THE DOUBLE PASSWORD ENTRY AND THE FAIL-SAFE SCRAMBLE KEY, HE COULDN'T KNOW OF US

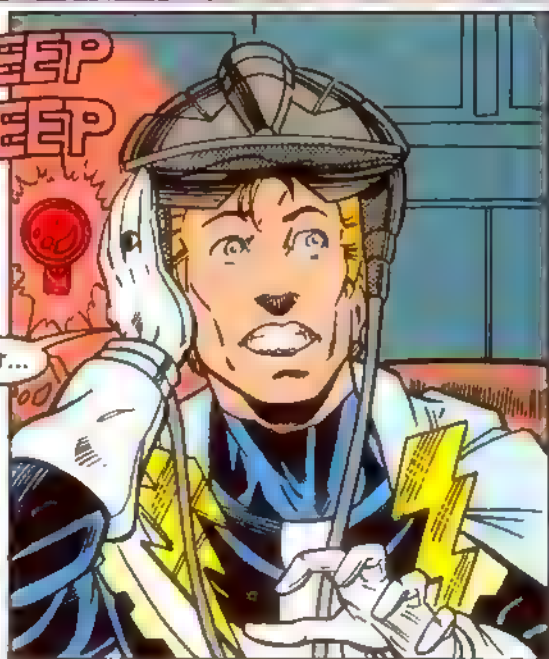
BESIDES, I'D READ IF HE DID. TRUST ME, DEARHEART... WE WON'T GET ...

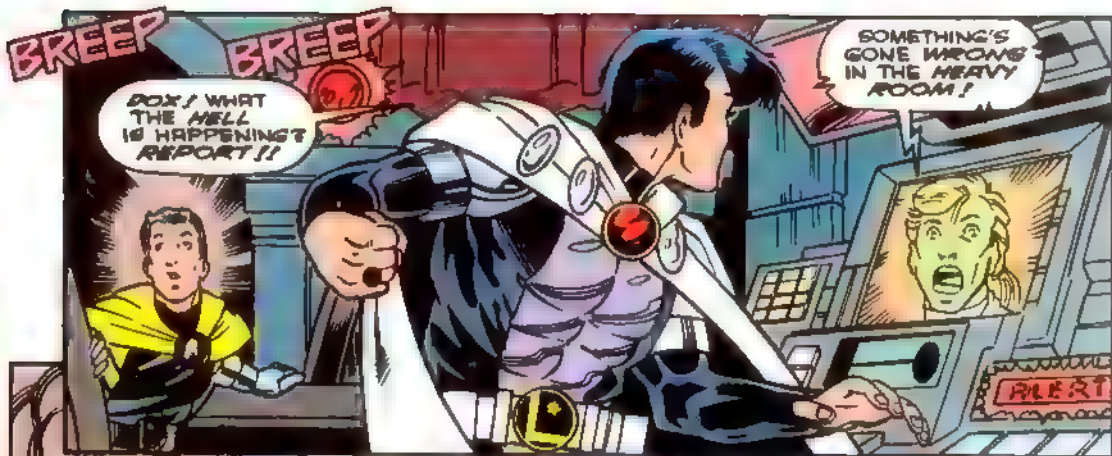
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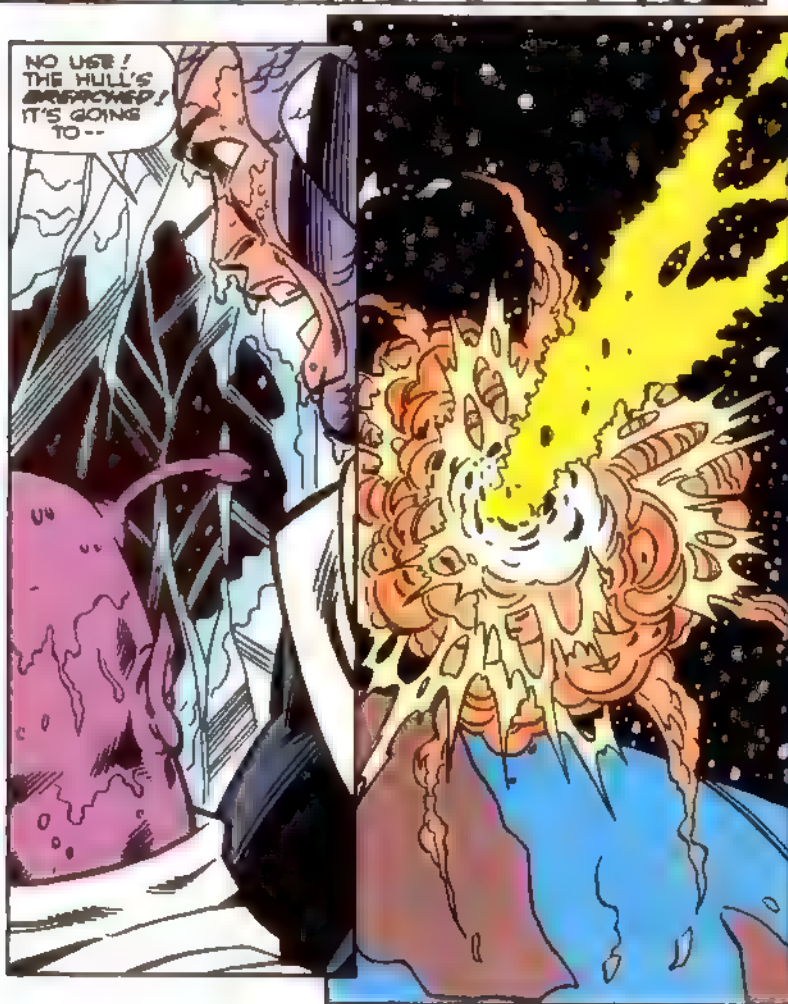
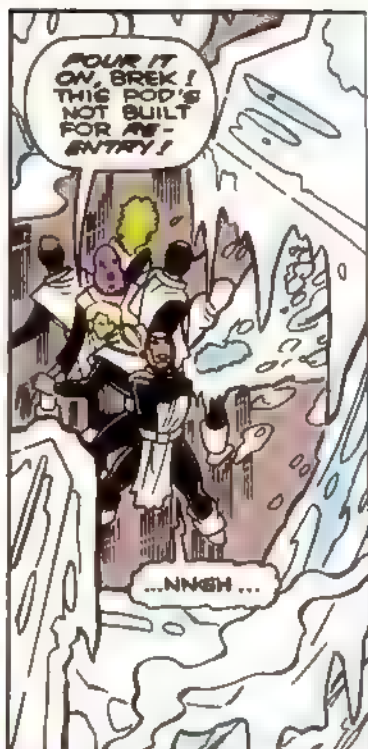


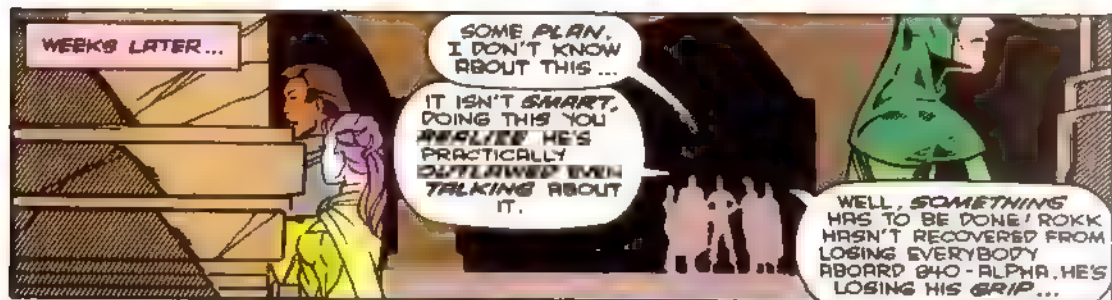
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...CAUGHT...









ORANDO SECTOR.

VAL ...

...WE'RE
NOT
ALONE!

IT COMES
DIRTYCULT,
BUT I CAN
SEE SOME-
THINGS ...

...TATTERED CLOTH
...FIGHTING ... THE
LIGHT OF AVALON
BEGINNING TO
FLICKER ...

...AS THE
CIRCLE OF
DARKNESS
DRAWS EVER
INWARD.

ASSASSINS!

SO! NOW THE
CIRCLE DARES
INTRUDE UPON EVEN
THE SACRED CHAMBERS
OF PROJECTRA OF
ORANDO!

STAY BACK,
PRINCESS! YOUR
PROTECTOR WILL
NOT FAIL YOU!



CIRCLE ASSASSINS
LIKE YOU TOOK
MY FAMILY AWAY
FROM ME!

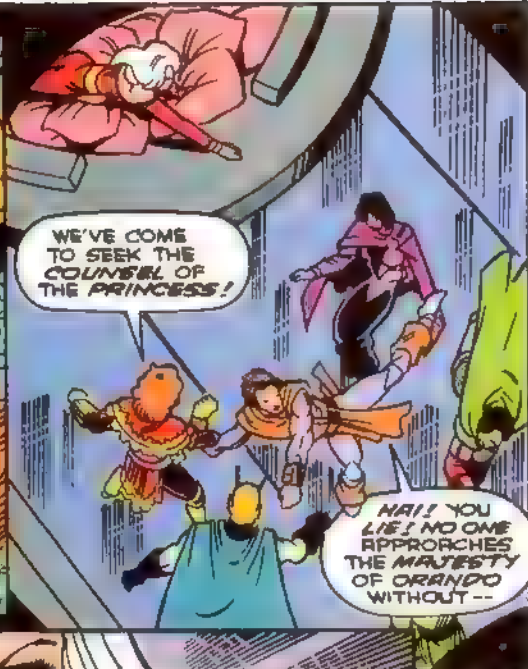
I OWE YOU
COWARDLY
MURDERERS
MUCH!



Kal!!!

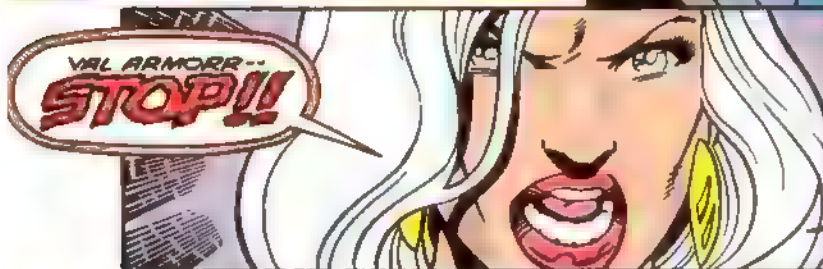
HOLD IT! GRIEF! WE'RE LEGIONNAIRES-- NOT CIRCLE SOLDIERS!

TALK ABOUT LEAPING TO CONCLUSIONS....!



WE'VE COME TO SEEK THE COUNSEL OF THE PRINCESS!

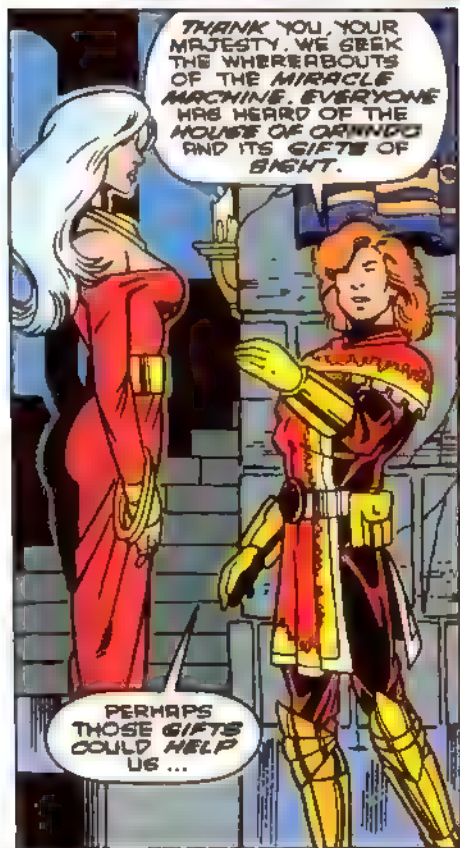
HA! YOU LIE! NO ONE APPROACHES THE MAJESTY OF ORANDO WITHOUT--



VAL ARMORR-- **STOP!!**

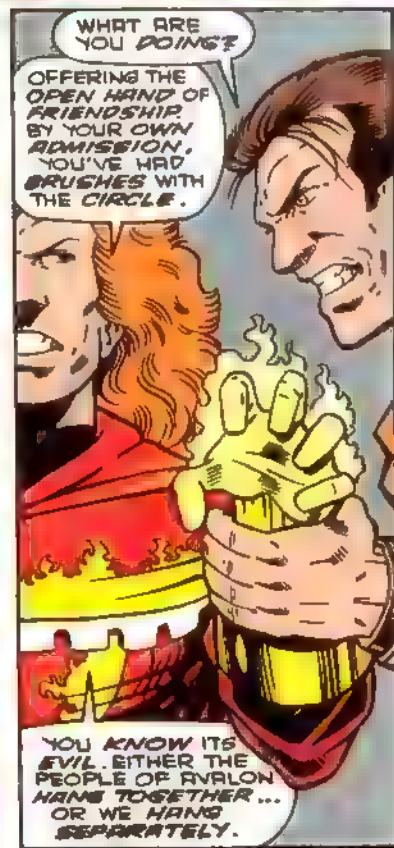
THE DREAM-SERVANT MURAL FORETOLD OF THESE LEGIONNAIRES!

THEY COME ON A WORTHY QUEST... AND THEY SHALL BE HEARD.



THANK YOU, YOUR MAJESTY. WE SEEK THE WHEREABOUTS OF THE MIRACLE MACHINE. EVERYONE HAS HEARD OF THE HOUSE OF ORANDO AND ITS GIFTS OF SIGHT.

PERHAPS THOSE GIFTS COULD HELP US ...



WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

OFFERING THE OPEN HAND OF FRIENDSHIP BY YOUR OWN ADMISSION. YOU'VE HAD BRUSHES WITH THE CIRCLE.

YOU KNOW ITS EVIL. EITHER THE PEOPLE OF AVALON HANG TOGETHER ... OR WE HANG SEPARATELY.



ALL RIGHT, LEGIONNAIRE. FOR MY PRINCESS' SAKE, AND FOR MY FAMILY'S MEMORY...

...WE ARE ALLIES.

MOMENTS
LATER...

YOU
CAME SEEKING
KNOWLEDGE...
AND KNOWLEDGE
IS LIGHT.

AS WE JOIN HANDS,
LET US STARE INTO
THE LIGHT OF THE
ANCIENT FLAME, AND
QUESTIONS WILL BE
ANSWERED...

...AS XORO
AND I RECITE
THE ANCIENT
SPELL OF
MAKING.

ANNAHL NOTH
RACCOH, UTH,
VAHSS, BETHUUDE,
DOTHYEL TIENVAY...
ANNAHL NOTH
RACCOH, UTH, VAHSS,
BETHUUDE, DOTHYEL
TIENVAY...

WEIRD

WHAT?

USING
SORCERY
TO LOCATE
THE ULTIMATE
CREATION OF
SCIENCE

KEEP
AN OPEN
MIND, VI...

...AND
WATCH.

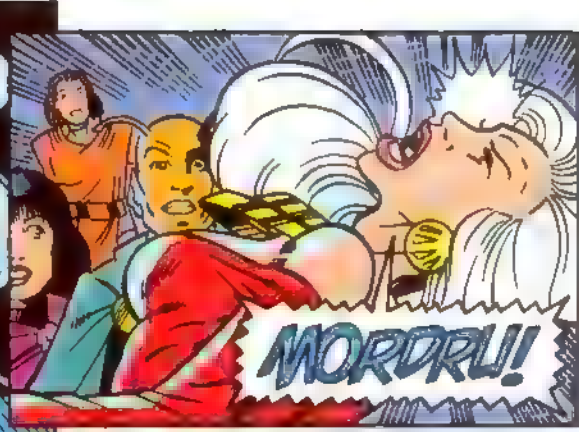
HOLY--

OH,
MY...

WHAT IN
THE NAME
OF --?



WHAT
KIND OF AN
ANSWER
IS THAT?

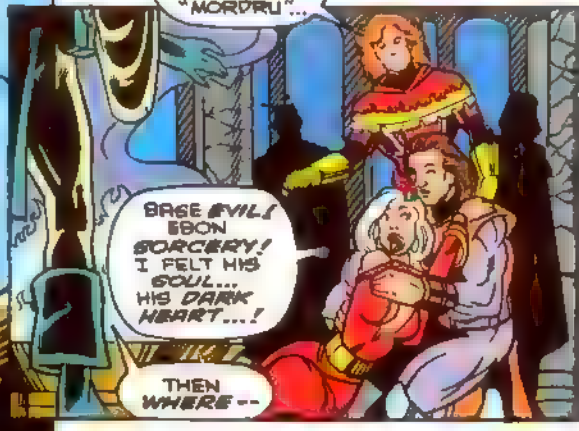


MORDRU!



NO! IF MORDRU
HOLDS THE MIRACLE
MACHINE, THEN
THERE IS NO HOPE!
THE GALAXY WILL
FALL! ALL IS LOST...!

PRINCESS,
TELL US
OF THIS
"MORDRU"...



BASE EVIL
EBON
SORCERY!
I FELT HIS
SOUL...
HIS DARK
HEART...!

THEN
WHERE --



ENOUGH QUESTIONS!
MY PRINCESS SPEAKS TO
YOU NO LONGER!

BUT WE--

GO! LEAVE WHILE
YOUR LEGS WILL STILL
CARRY YOU!

NO...NO
HOPE...

HUSH, MY
PRINCESS.
HUSH...

...MORDRU...

DAYS LATER,
SECURITY ROOM
149, SUBCIRCLE
NINE!

IMRA ARDEEN
STANDS NIGHT-
WATCH.

OH,
WHAT
NOW?

DOES THIS
HAPPEN ON
ANYONE
ELSE'S
SHIFT --

--OR JUST
MINE?

WE NEED TO HAVE
THIS BOARD LOOKED
AT. THAT
SECURITY DOOR
ALARM GOES HAY-
WIRE AT LEAST
ONCE A WEEK.

I SWEAR... THIS
WHOLE STATION
IS PUT TOGETHER
OUT OF SPIT
AND PROMISES...

SIGH

DO I
BOTHR
WITH STANDARD
PROCEDURE?
TAKE A
WEAPON.
DO A VISUAL
RECOC...?

...WELL...
I COULD
USE THE
WALK...

AS I
THOUGHT,
CORRIDOR'S
CLEAR...

...BUT IT LEADS TO
AN INTERESTING
NEIGHBORHOOD. SOME
ONE DESERVES A
PLEASANT SURPRISE...

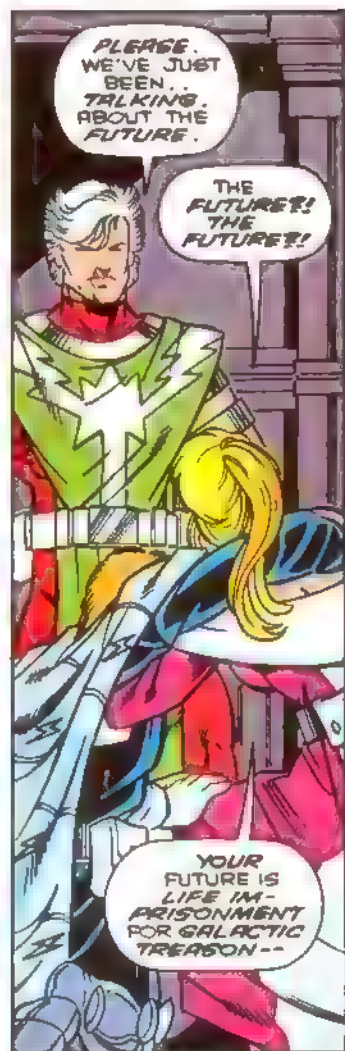
HELLO, GARTH
YOU'RE
CERTAINLY
CHARGED
UP...



MEKT!!

MY MY, LITTLE PUP!
IT SEEMS
WE'VE BEEN
INTERRUPT-
ED!

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE TO
HIM?



PLEASE.
WE'VE JUST
BEEN...
TALKING
ABOUT THE
FUTURE.

THE
FUTURE?!
THE
FUTURE?!

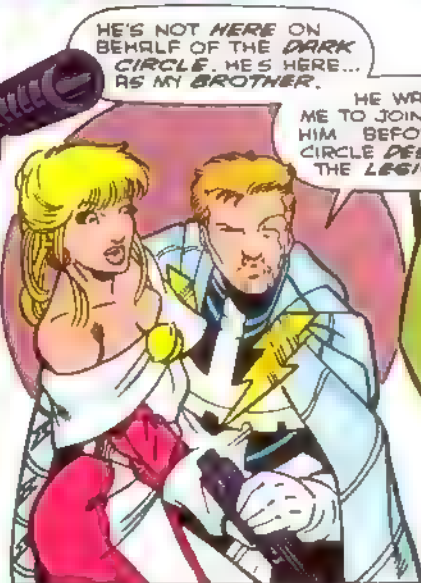
YOUR
FUTURE IS
LIFE IM-
PRISONMENT
FOR GALACTIC
TREASON--



--UNLESS YOU
GIVE ME AN EXCUSE
TO COMMUTE THAT
SENTENCE--BY BLOWING
YOUR UGLY HEAD
OFF!

IMRA...
YOU CAN'T...

WHAT?!



HE'S NOT HERE ON
BEHALF OF THE DARK
CIRCLE. HE'S HERE...
AS MY BROTHER.

HE WANTS
ME TO JOIN WITH
HIM... BEFORE THE
CIRCLE DESTROYS
THE LEGION.





BUT THEY
WON'T...
WILL THEY,
MEKT?

WE'RE SAFE,
IMRA. HE'D NEVER
LET THE CIRCLE
DEMOLISH AVALON...
NOT SO LONG AS I'M
ABOARD.

WE'RE
BROTHERS.
HE PROMISED
HE'D NEVER
HURT ME.



YES, YES...
NEVER HURT
YOU, STILL
BROTHERS...

YOU'RE A FOOL,
GARTH. STAY OR
LEAVE... I DON'T
CARE YOU'VE HAD
YOUR WARNING,
PUP. THE END IS
NEAR.

WE MAY HAVE MADE
A CHILDISH VOW
TO LOOK OUT
AFTER ONE ANOTHER
...BUT THAT WAS A
LONG TIME AGO.



I'LL BE
LEAVING
NOW.

IN A
CASKET!
I'M WARNING
YOU--



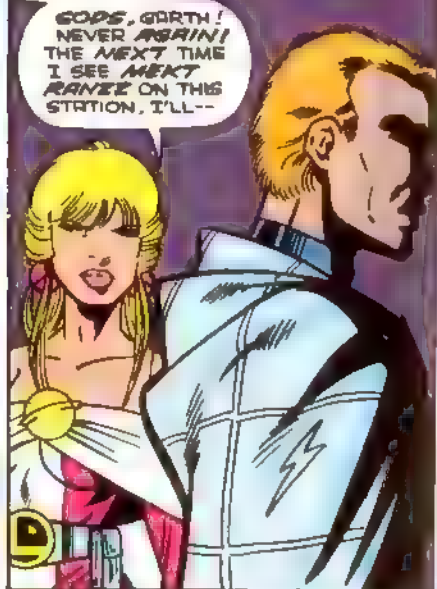
IMRA,
NO!

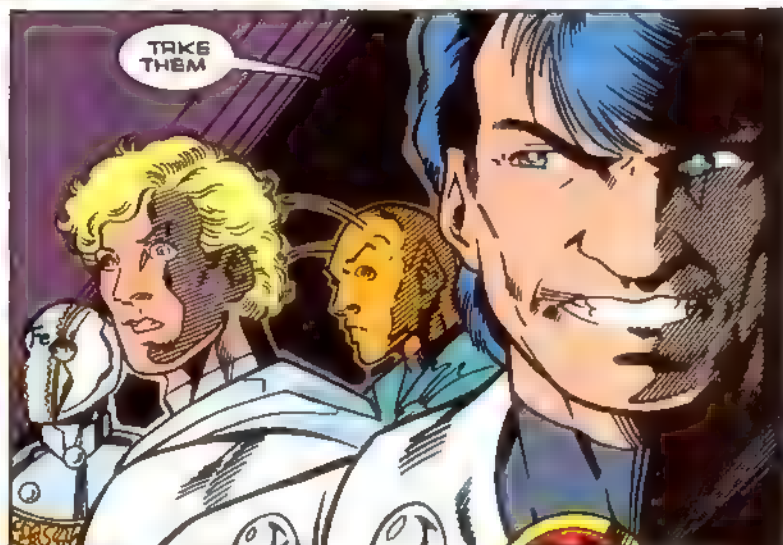
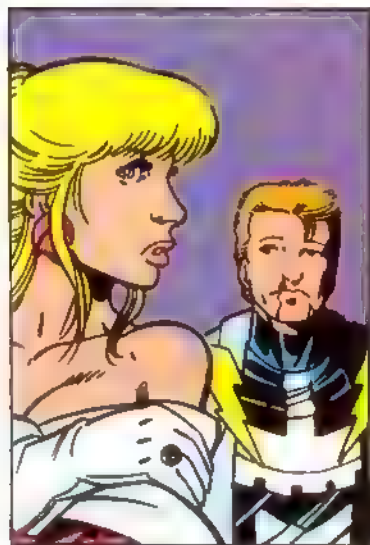
HE'S
STILL MY
BROTHER!

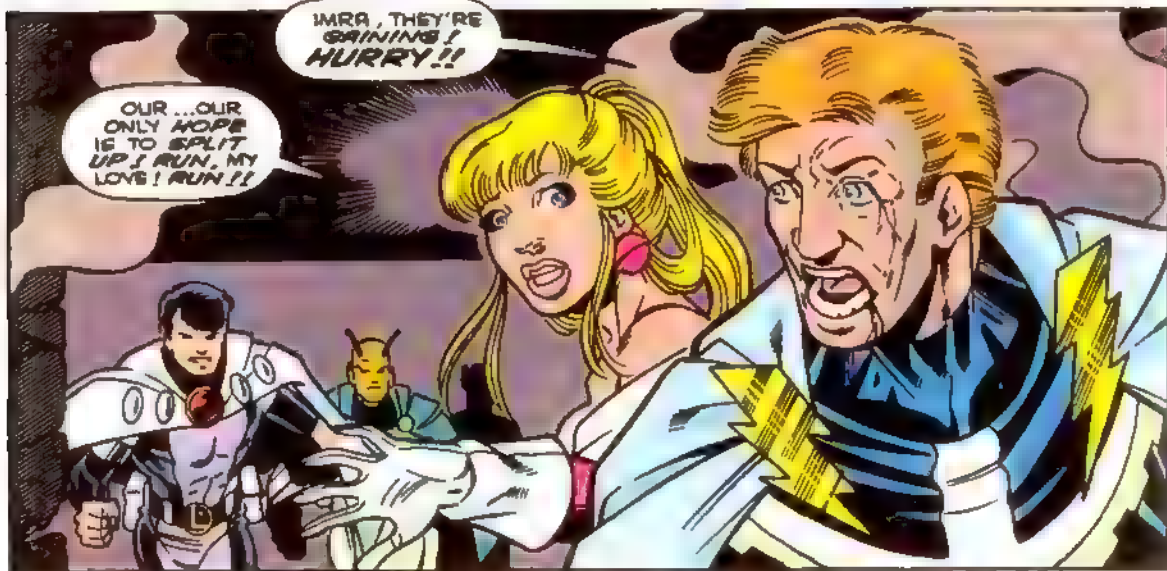
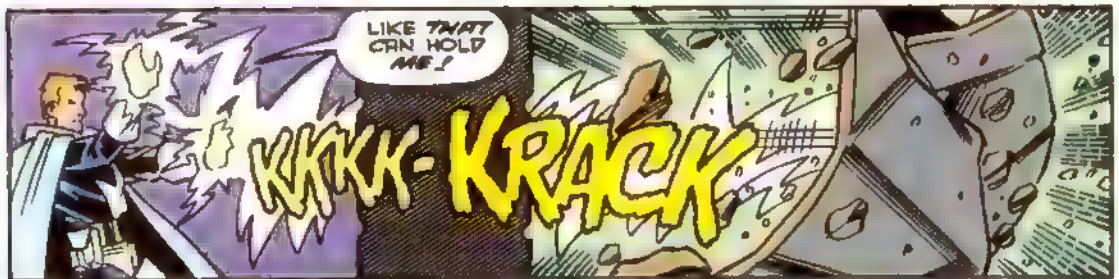
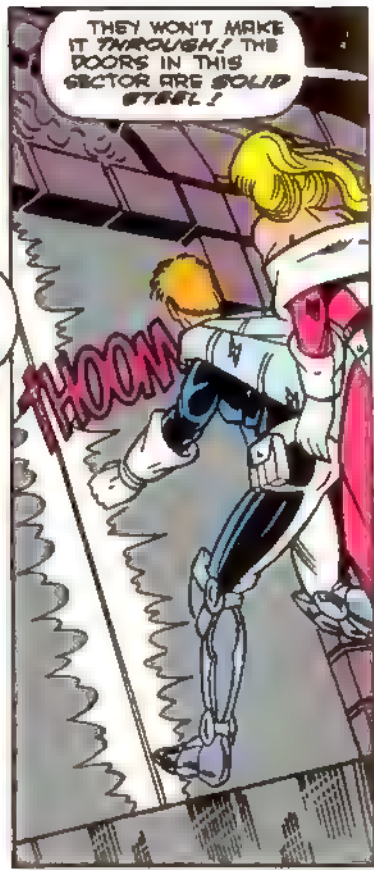
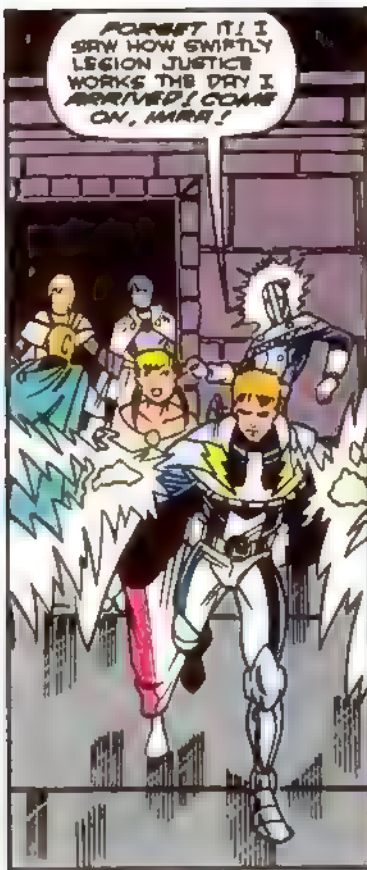


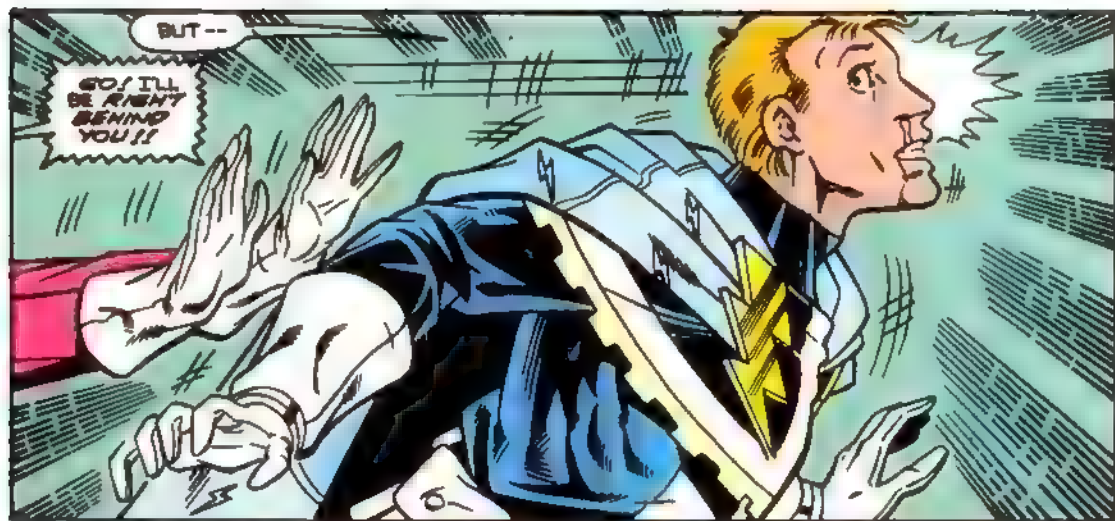
FOR YOU,
ONLY FOR
YOU COULD
I HAVE ...

GODS, GARTH!
NEVER AGAIN!
THE NEXT TIME
I SEE MEKT
RANEE ON THIS
STATION, I'LL--







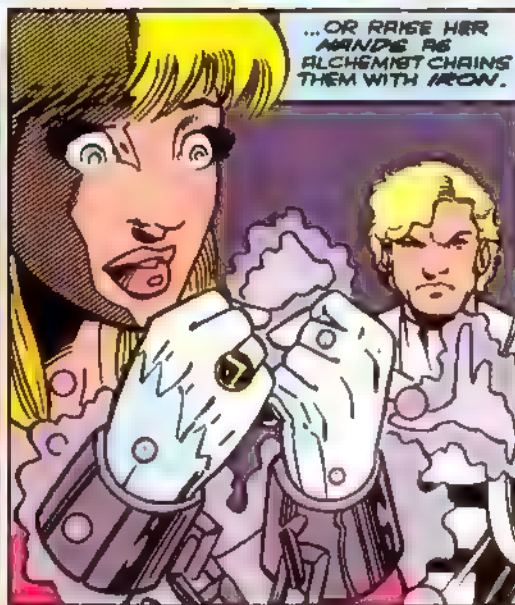


BUT--

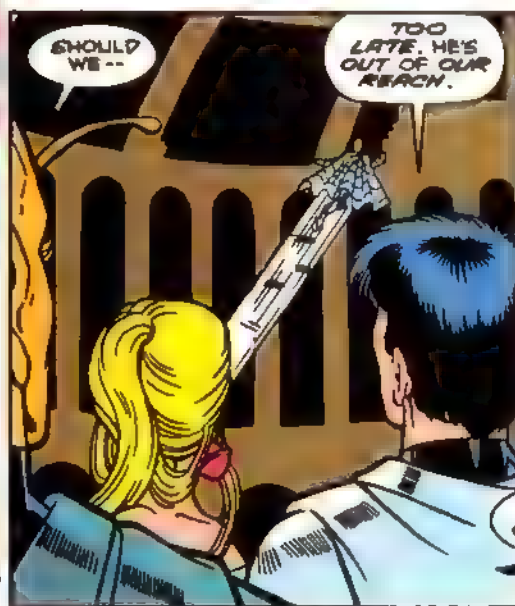
GO! I'LL
BE RIGHT
BEHIND
YOU!!

BUT MIRA ARDEN
DOESN'T MOVE!

AT LEAST, NO
MORE THAN SHE
MUST IN ORDER
TO TURN AND
BLOCK HER
PURSUERS.



...OR RAISE HER
HANDS AS
ALCHEMIST CHAINS
THEM WITH IRON.



SHOULD
WE--

TOO
LATE. HE'S
OUT OF OUR
REACH.

HE'S
GONE.

Act Two

... AND SO, IMRA ARDEEN ALLOWED MEKT RANEE-- KNOWN AGENT OF THE CIRCLE-- A SINGLE MOMENT OF AMNESTY.

THAT ALONE IS AN OFFENSE MOST GRIEVOUS. STILL, ERRORS IN JUDGMENT CAN BE FORGIVEN.

BETRAYAL CANNOT.

AND IMRA'S MOTIVES SPEAK... OF HER TRUE CRIME.

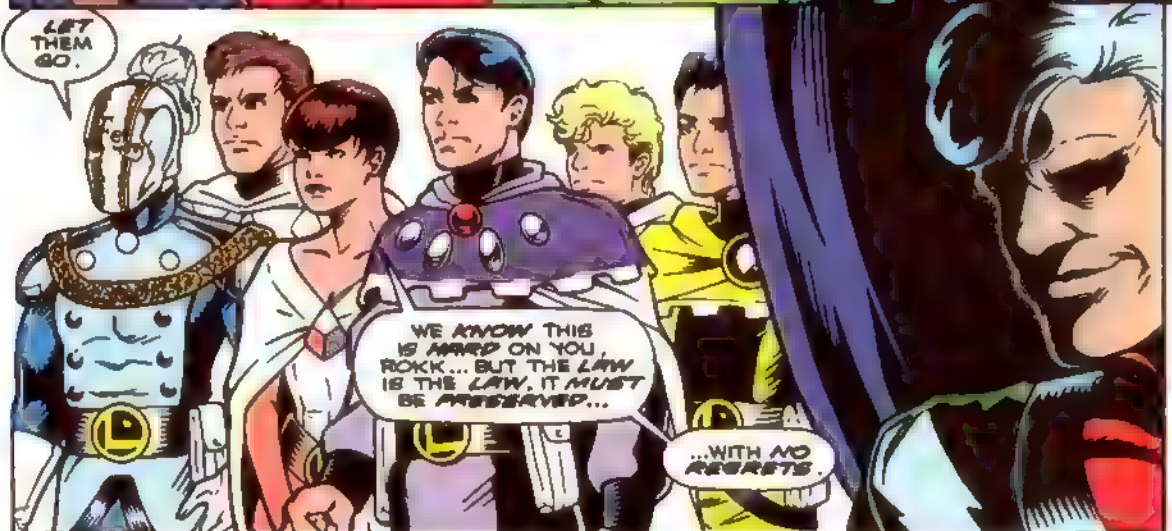
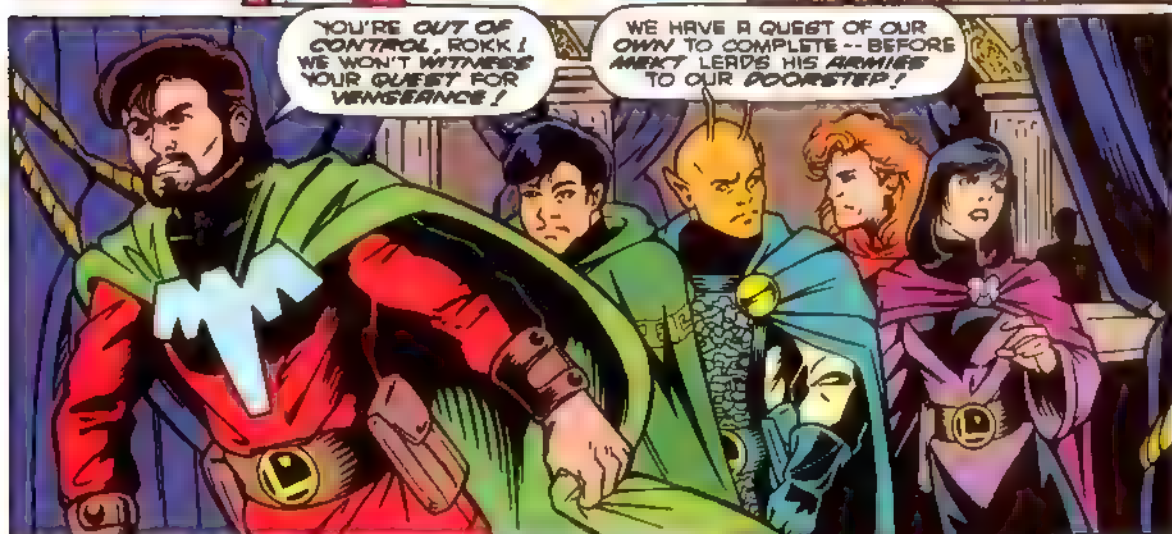
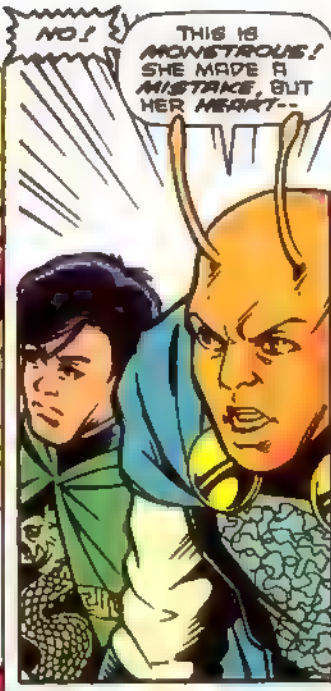
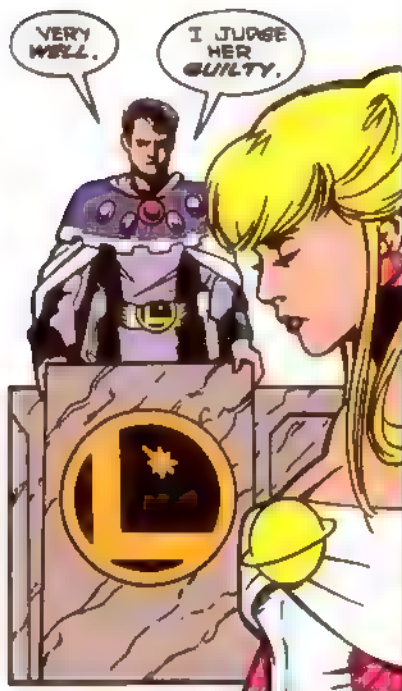
SHE BETRAYED HER HUSBAND... AND IN DOING SO, BETRAYED THE LEGION ITSELF. UNITY HAS ONCE MORE BEEN SHATTERED.

I WISH THAT THIS HAD NEVER HAPPENED. WE ALL DO. BUT JUDGMENT MUST BE PASSED.

IF AVRLON IS TO SURVIVE, WE MUST ALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF THE LEGION... REGARDLESS OF STATUS AND POSITION.

IF NOT, WE SHALL SURELY FALL INTO CHAOS... AND CHAOS IS THE DARK CIRCLE'S GREATEST ALLY.

MY LORD... YOU MUST MAKE RULE.



DAYS LATER,
AT THE EDGE
OF THE EPSILON
QUADRANT...

BRAMM

CAN'T THE LEGION'S BEST
PILOT-- IN ITS FASTEST
SHIP, NO LESS--
SHAKE THAT DARK CIRCLE
JUNKHEAD?

I'M TRYING,
CHAM-- BUT
DON'T KID
YOURSELF!

THOOM

THAT
"JUNKHEAD"
IS FASTER
THAN A
DYNAMITE
ON AFTER-
BURN!

THEY'VE
GOT US
COLD...

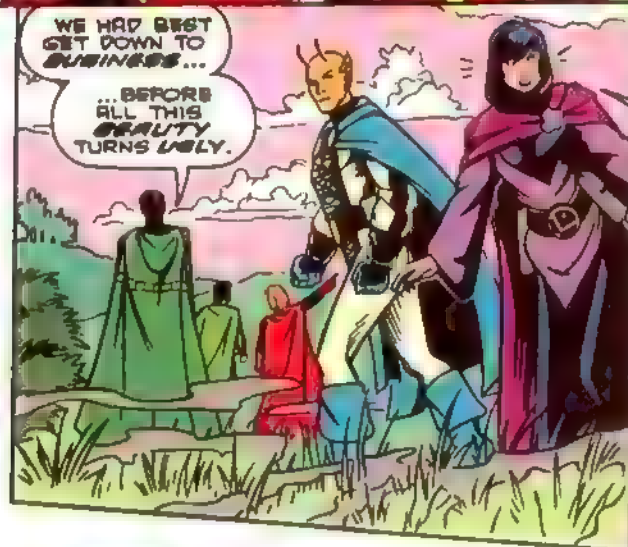
MOVE IT!!

THEY'VE
STOPPED
FIRING?
WHY?

?

THEY DON'T
WANT TO FOLLOW
US INTO
PLANETFALL,
INFERNO.

EVEN THE CIRCLE
HAS ENOUGH SENSE
TO STAY AWAY
FROM SORCERERS'
WORLD.





STRANGE...

...THESE
BEASTS
AREN'T
MUCH OF
A CHAL-
LENGE!



BECAUSE
WE'RE NOT
THEIR TARGET,
CHAM!

BLOODY HELL--
THEY'VE ADVANCED
THE SHIP!

FWOOSH



THEN WE'VE NO
CHOICE BUT TO PRESS
ON-- TO FIND OUR "HOST"
AND CONFRONT HIM!



UNLESS,
OF COURSE--

RRRRMMBBLE



-- HE
FINDS US
FIRST!

INSOLENT
CREATURES!

WHAT COULD BE
OF SUCH CONSEQUENCE
IN YOUR PITIFUL LIVES
THAT YOU DARE
DISTURB THE
SLUMBER...

...OF
**MORDRU THE
MERCLESS?**

AVALON.

IS THERE
ANY CHANCE
OF HIM?

NONE.

THE FINAL
HOUR IS AT
HAND, MY LORD.
WE CAN SURRENDER
NO MORE TIME.

HOW DID IT COME
TO THIS MOMENT?
MY GOD... EITHER I
BETRAY MY WIFE...
OR I BETRAY MY
DREAM.

I...I HAD
SO HOPED
THAT HE--

KEEP THAT HOPE
ALIVE, MY LORD.
WRING EVERY
SECOND FROM IT.

"... HOWEVER
YOU CAN."

SURELY
COME TO
RESCUE

NOT
ABOVE THE
LAW

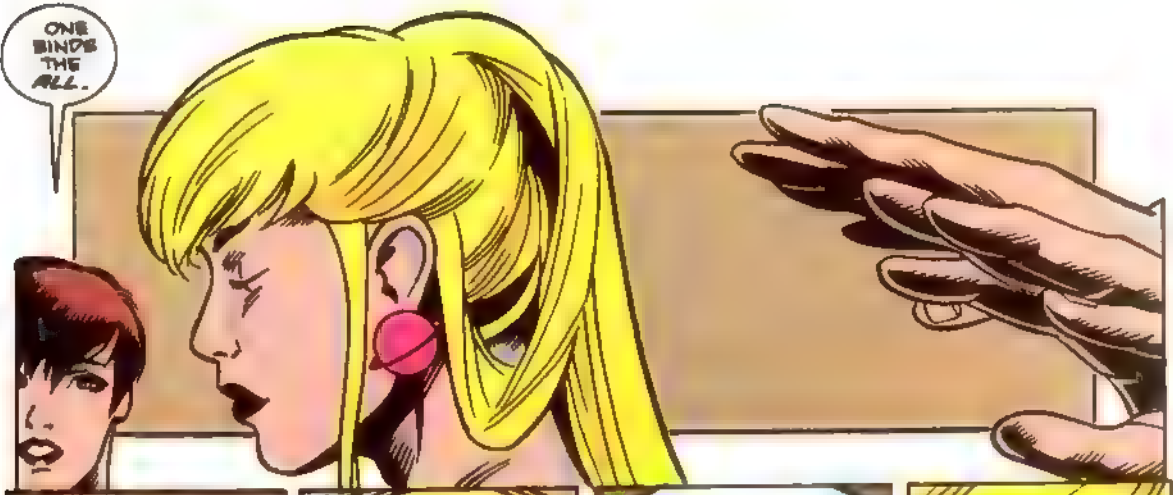
CAN'T LET
THIS HAPPEN

SSHHH!

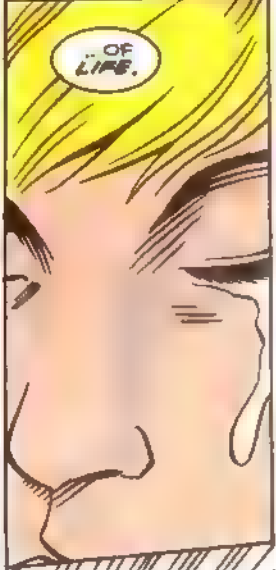
LET HIM
PASS

ALL
JOIN THE
ONE.

ONE
BINDS
THE
ALL.

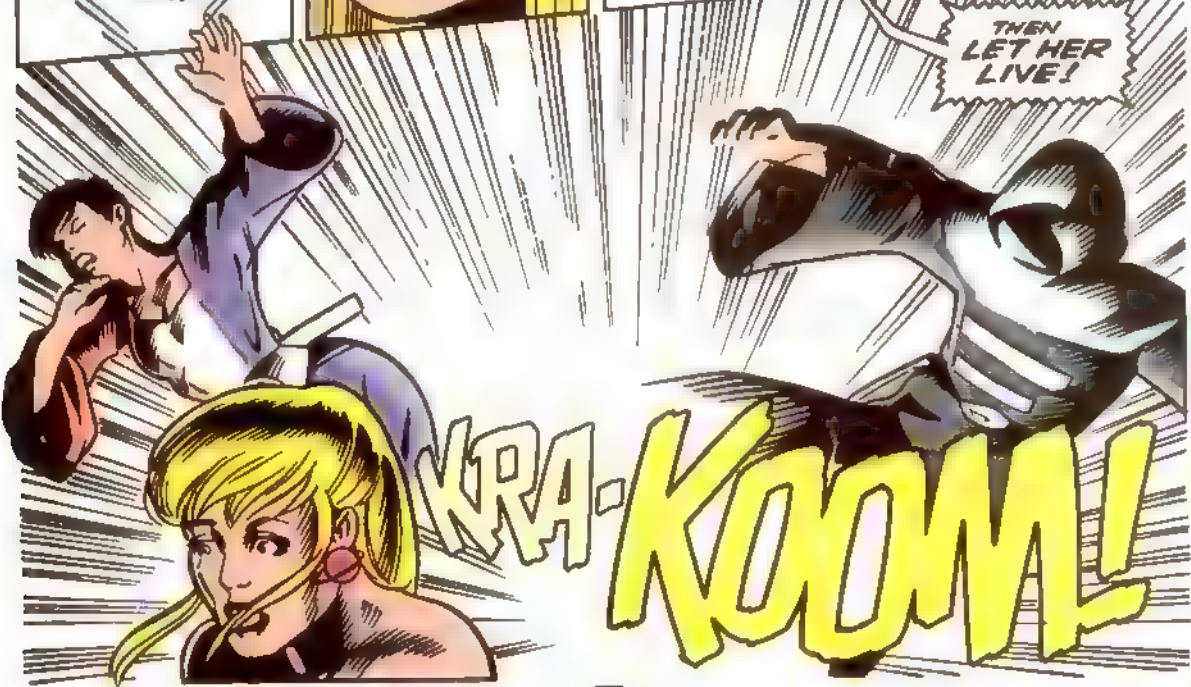


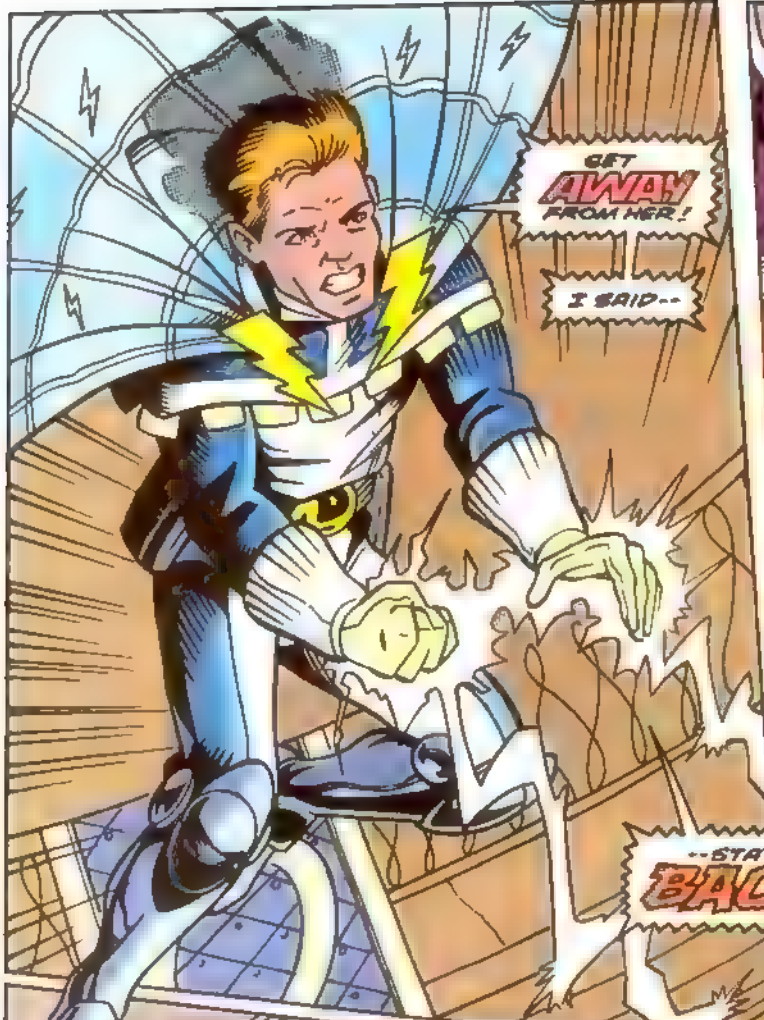
THE
BEGINNING
MEETS THE
END. SUCH IS
THE CYCLE...



OF
LIFE.

THEN
LET HER
LIVE!





GET
AWAY
FROM HER!

I SAID--

--STAY
BACK!



KA-RACK!

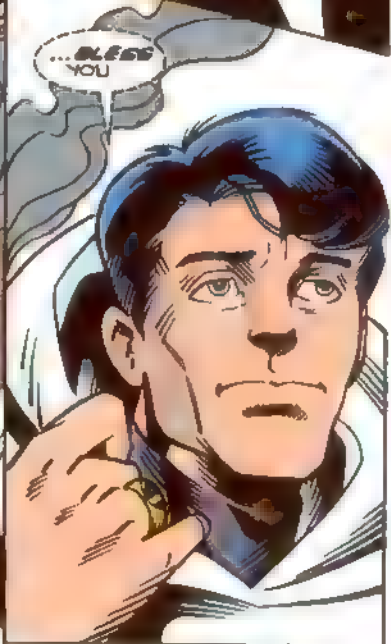


I KNEW!
I KNEW
YOU WOULD
COME ...

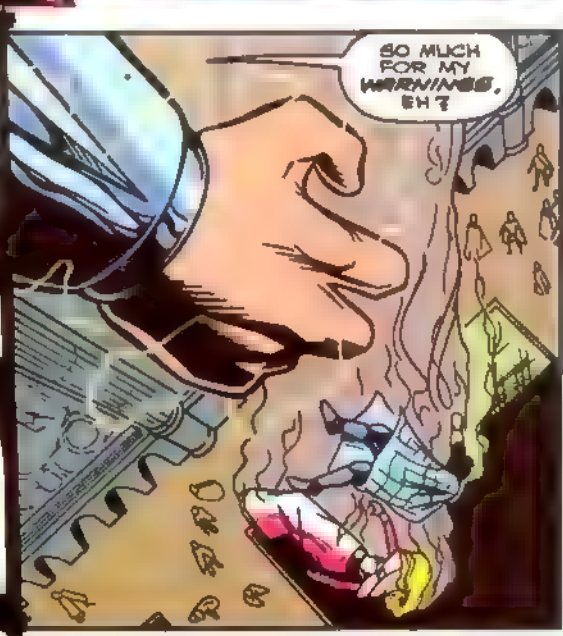
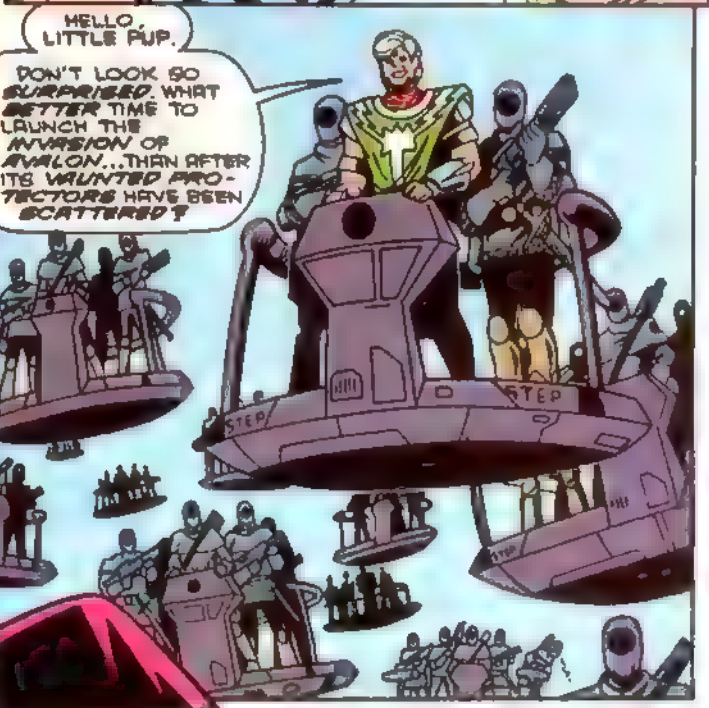
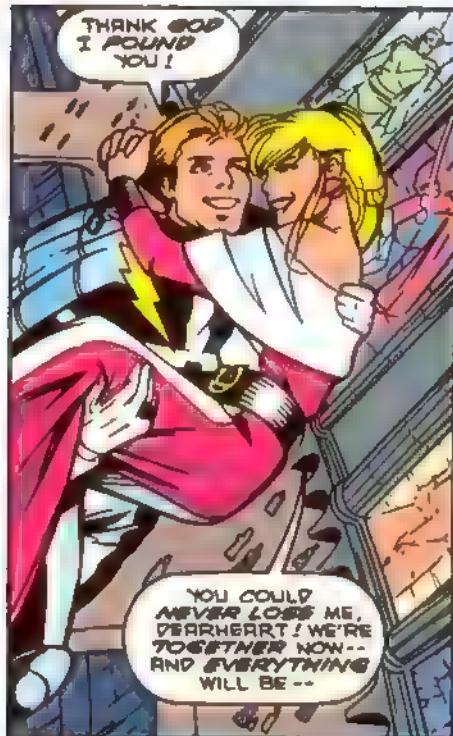
ZZRACK



SO DID
I ...



...BLESS
YOU





BORCERERS' WORLD.

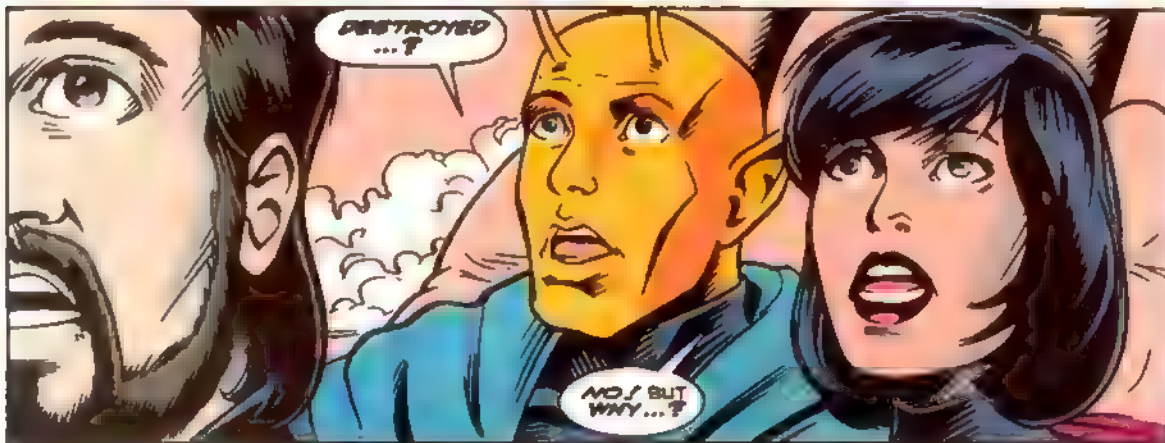
...RYLON'S FINAL CHANCE, GREAT MORDRU, LIES WITH YOU!

HAVE YOU, INDEED... THE MIRACLE MACHINE?



THE MIRACLE...?

YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU CAME HERE... YOU DEFIED THE VERY WRATH OF MORDRU... IN QUEST OF AN ARTIFACT I LONG AGO DESTROYED?!



DESTROYED...?

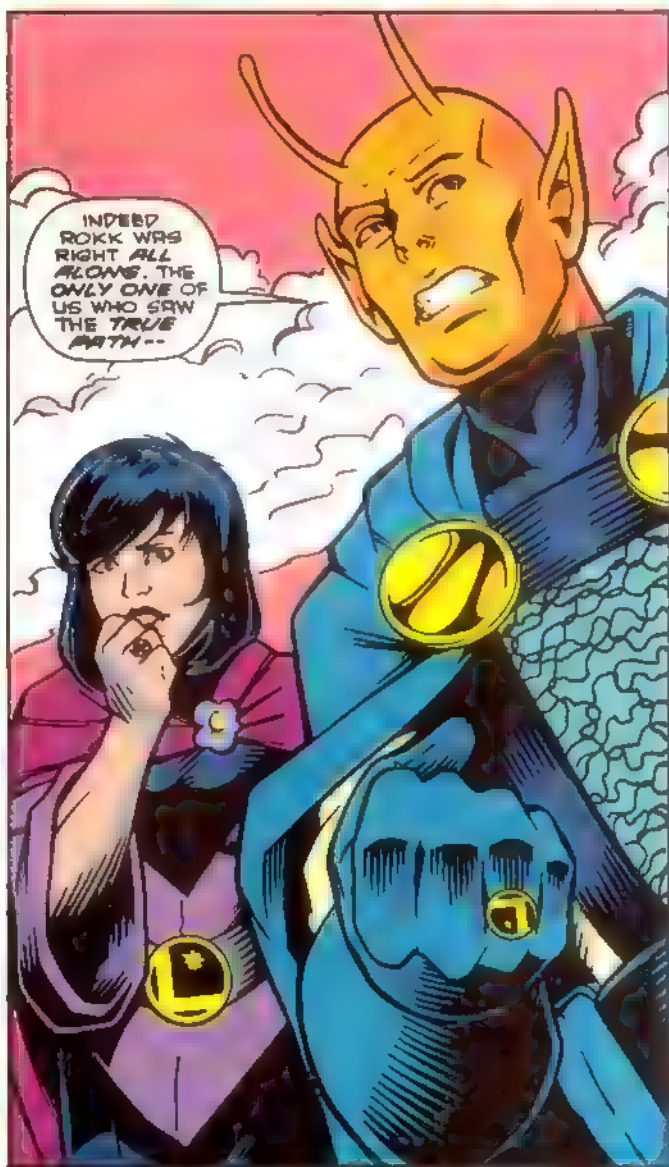
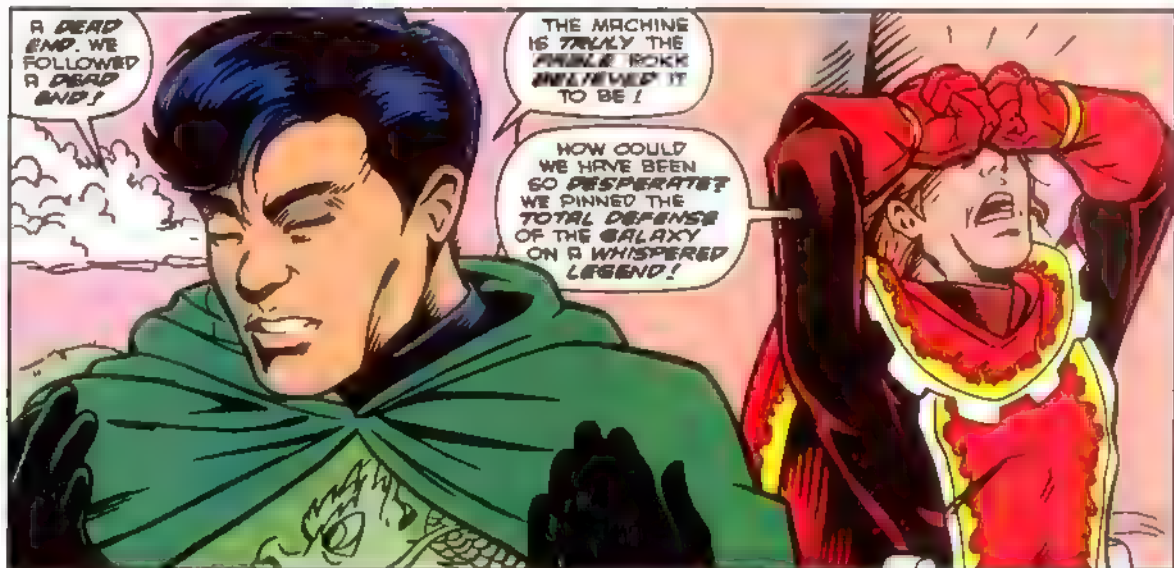
NO! BUT WHY...?



TO MAINTAIN THE ULTIMATE BALANCE OF POWER, MY OWN MAGICKE PREVENTED ME FROM TAMING ITS SCIENCE. THE CIRCLE WAS FETTERED BY NO SUCH SHACKLE.

HAD THEY GAINED CONTROL OF THE MIRACLE MACHINE... AS THEY SURELY WOULD HAVE, IN TIME... NOT EVEN I COULD HAVE WITHSTOOD THEIR CONQUERING MIGHT!

BETTER FOR THE UNIVERSE, THEN... THAT IT BELONG TO NO ONE!





"... AND WE
DESERVED
HIM!"

WAAHFF!

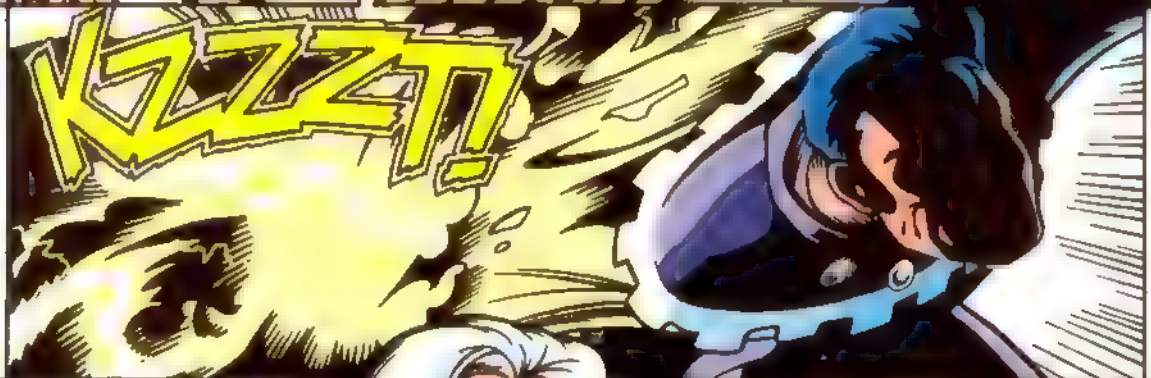
YOU'RE
ANNOYING
THE HUMAN
COUNCIL,
BOY.



BUILDING A
SYMBOL...
EDUCATING A
GALAXY...
GIVING IT
HOPE...

...WE
CAN'T
HAVE
THAT.

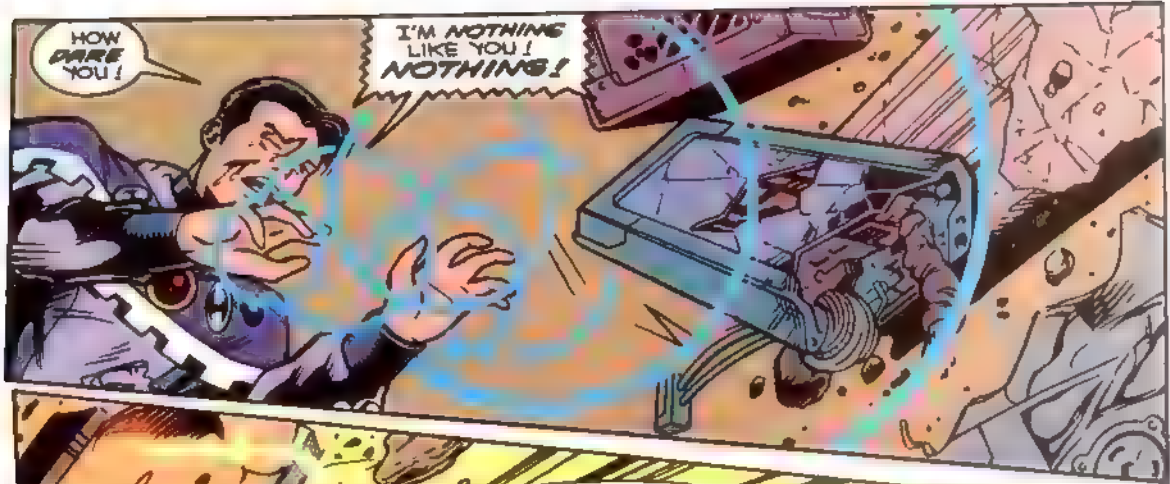
YOU THINK WE'RE
EVIL... BUT WE'RE NOT.
WE'RE SIMPLY IN
CHARGE! IT'S THE
NATURAL ORDER--
THE STRONG SUR-
VIVE... AND RULE!



BUT THEN, YOU KNOW
ABOUT STRENGTH. DON'T
YOU, BOYS? YOU WERE
WILLING TO SACRIFICE
YOUR OWN WIFE TO
KEEP THE LESION
STRONG!

MAKES ME
THINK YOU'D HAVE
MADE A FINE
MEMBER OF THE
COUNCIL YOUR-
SELF...

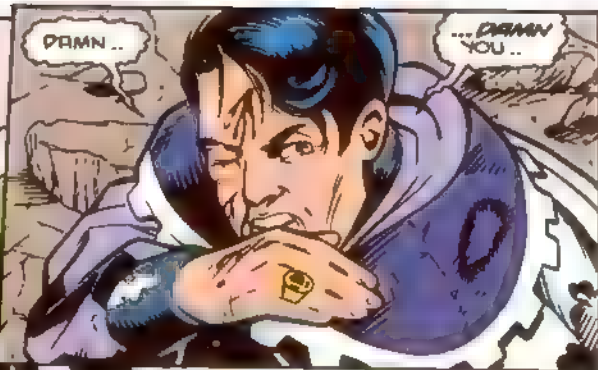






HE'S
BEATEN.

YOU TWO--GO.
SEARCH THE STREETS.
A PRIZE TO WHO
EVER BRINGS ME THE
HEAD OF GARTH
KRIINN.



DAMN...

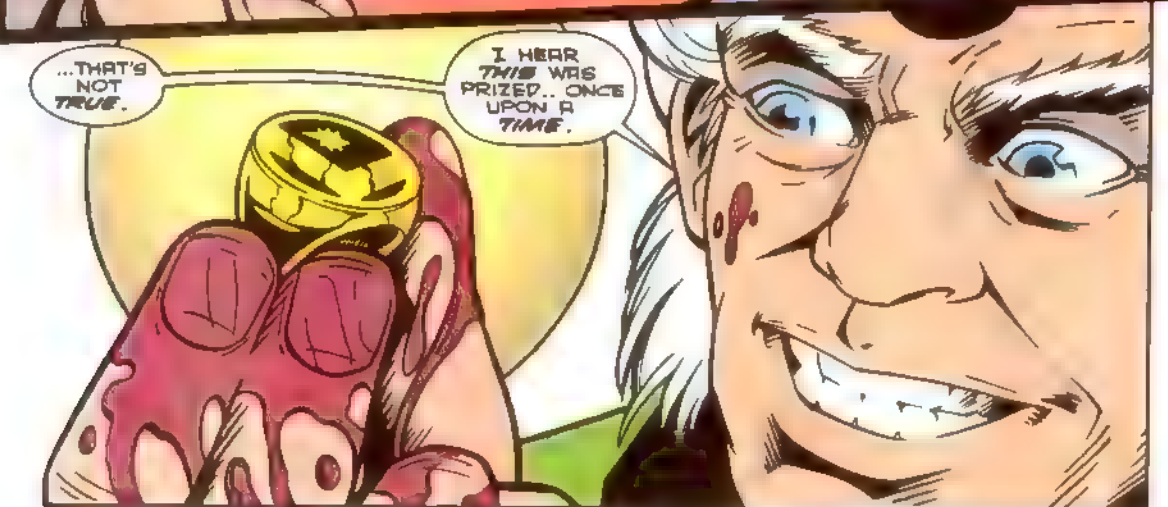
...DAMN
YOU...



YOU SALUTE?
IT'S A LITTLE
LATE TO PLEDGE
ALLEGIANCE,
KRIINN!

YOU'RE
FINISHED.
YOU HAVE
NOTHING
I WANT.

WAIT
ACTUALLY...



...THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.

I HEAR
THIS WAS
PRIZED... ONCE
UPON A
TIME.



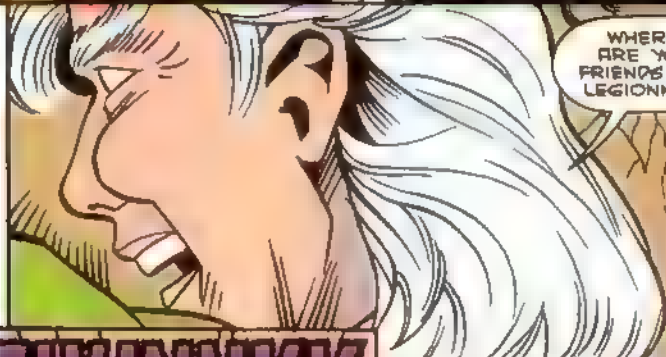
IT'S THE WAY
OF NATURE,
KRINN. DIVIDED,
YOU FALL.



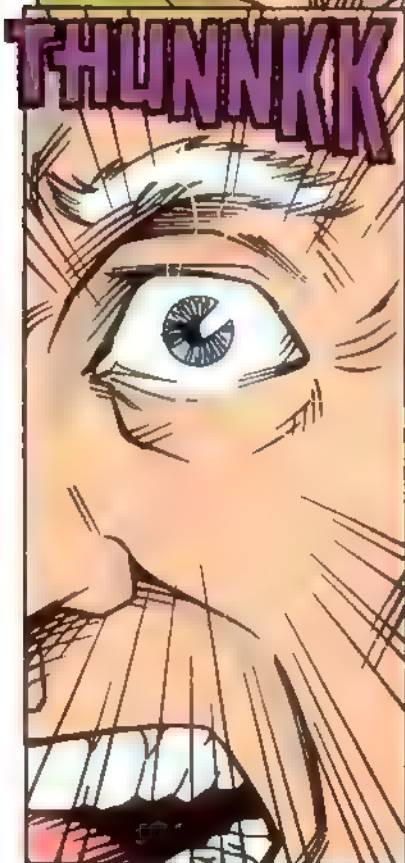
ALL YOUR SHARING
AND CARING AND
COOPERATION
NONSENSE DOESN'T
SAVE YOU ...



...WHEN
YOU'RE
ON YOUR
OWN.

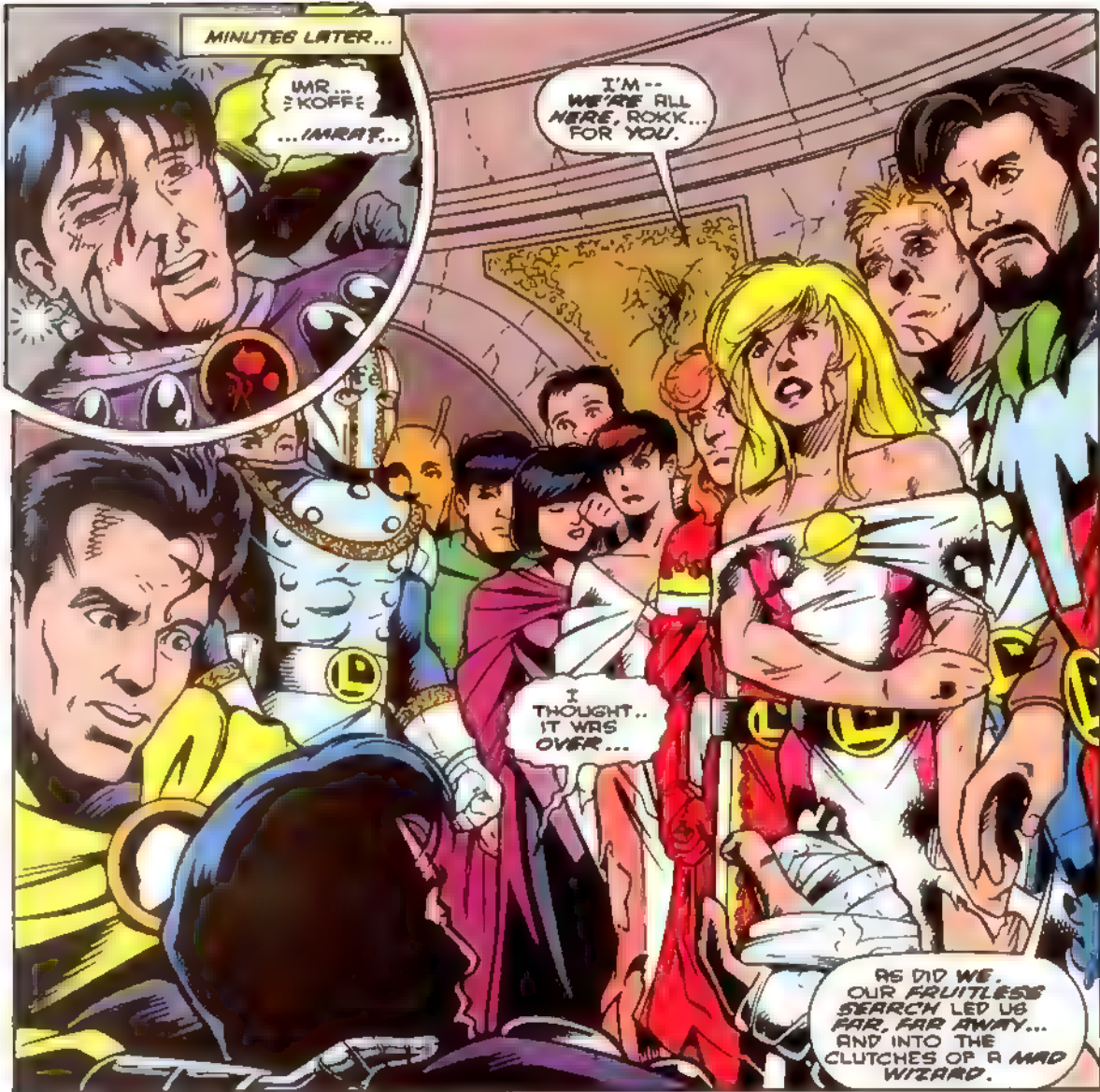


WHERE
ARE YOUR
FRIENDS NOW
LEGIONNAIRE?



I LET YOU
GO ONCE,
MEKT.

THAT WAS
ONE TIME
TOO MANY!?



MINUTES LATER...

MR...
KOFFE
...IMRAF...

I'M--
WE'RE ALL
HERE, ROKK...
FOR YOU.

I
THOUGHT...
IT WAS
OVER...

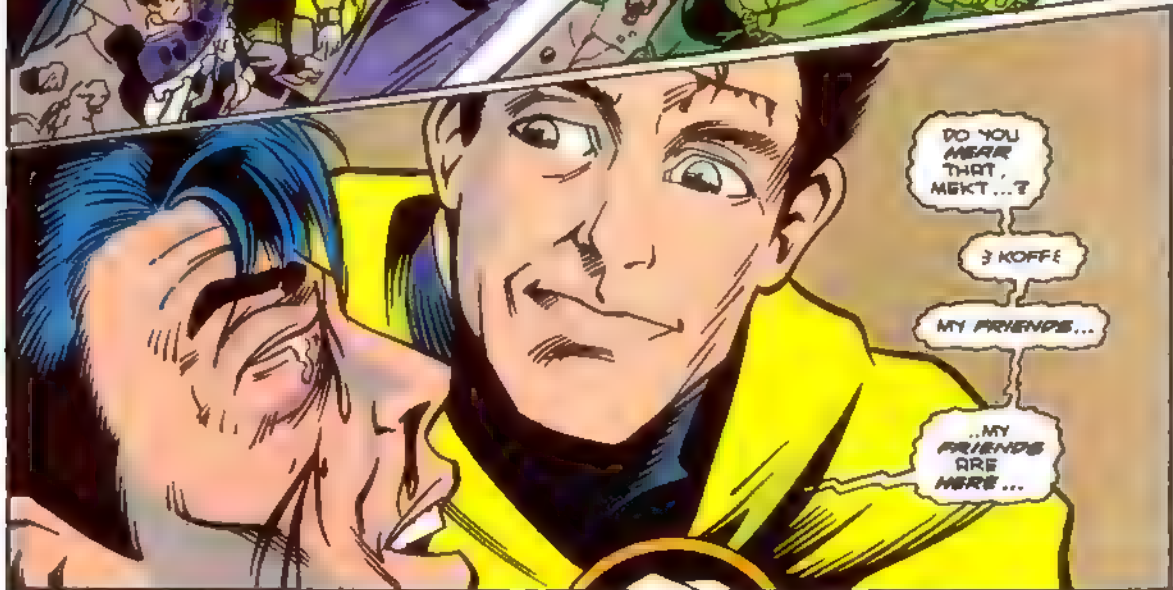
AS DID WE.
OUR FRUITLESS
SEARCH LED US
FAR, FAR AWAY...
AND INTO THE
CLUTCHES OF A MAD
WIZARD.



"WE WOULD BE THERE STILL
HAD HIS HATRED FOR THE
CIRCLE NOT MATCHED OUR
OWN. ONLY BY THAT COM-
MON BOND DID HE GRANT
US LEAVE... SENDING US
HOME WITH HIS SORCERY
IN EXCHANGE FOR OUR VOW
TO FIGHT WELL."

"YOU WERE RIGHT ALL
ALONG, ROKK. WE DON'T
NEED MIRACLES... WE
JUST NEED EACH OTHER."

LONG LIVE THE LEGION!

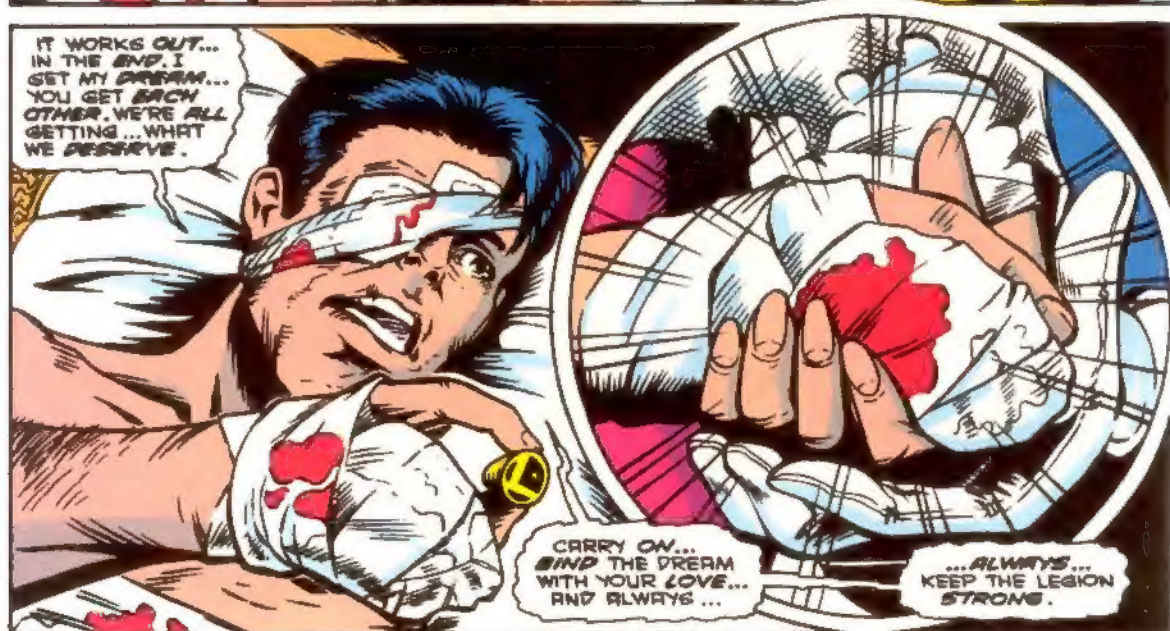


THE ROUT WAS
OVER ALMOST
BEFORE IT BEGAN.

WITH THEIR GENERAL
DEAD, THE CIRCLE
SOLDIERS FELL SWIFTLY
INTO DISARRAY.

A COLLECTION OF
THUGS AND VILLAINS,
THEY WERE, IN THE
END, NO MATCH...

...FOR A
TRUE
FIGHTING
FORCE!



SEVERAL YEARS LATER.

"...AND SO IT IS WITH SOME **SADNESS** AND SOME **JOY**, THAT I DEDICATE THE COMPLETION OF **AVALON** NOT JUST TO **R.J. BRANDE**... BUT TO **ROKK KRINN**, WHOSE **LEADERSHIP**, **DEDICATION**, AND **COURAGE** MADE ITS **SUCCESS POSSIBLE**."

THE NEXT STEP IS **YOURS**. LET THOSE SHELTERED BY **AVALON** CONTINUE TO BUILD...

...BY **SHARING INFORMATION...** AND **KNOWLEDGE**.

BUILD WITH **FELLOWSHIP** AND **PEACE** TOWARDS A **UNITY** THAT WILL SPREAD **ANEW**. **BEYOND** OUR **BOUNDARIES**.

THE **DARK CIRCLE** STILL **EXISTS**... BUT NO LONGER MUST WE **FALL** BENEATH ITS **LONG SHADOW**. WE HAVE BUILT **AVALON**. WE HAVE BUILT **HOPE**.

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN **LIVING MEMORY**... THE FUTURE LOOKS **BRIGHT** FOR ALL OF US.

